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House Journal

A called session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi begun and holden in town of Macon Noxubee County of Noxubee State of Mississippi in pursuance of a Proclamation of His Excellency Charles Clark, Governor of the said State, and in the following words, to wit:

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Proclamation

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

Macon Miss. *Feb* 29. 1864.

Whereas the recent action of the Congress of the Confederate States renders further State legislation necessary to guard the interests of the treasury and people, and whereas the city of Jackson, since the last adjournment of the Legislature, has been in possession of, and become dangerous from, our enemy—

I, CHARLES CLARK Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim and order that the Legislature of the State shall convene at Macon, in the County of Noxubee, on Wednesday the 24th day of March, A. D. 1864. in such building as shall be provided for that purpose

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of February A. D. 1864

CHARLES CLARK
Governor of Mississippi

On Wednesday the 24th day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty four and sixty eighth year of the Independence of the State of Mississippi the forty seventh.

Met pursuant to adjournment and in the absence of the Speaker and Clerk the House was called to order by the Sergeant at Arms and on motion of Mr. Hamilton of Monroe, Mr. Hall of Noxubee was appointed Speaker pro tem. and Mr. Hamilton of Monroe was appointed Clerk pro tem.

being present, on Motion of Mr Brown
of Jefferson
Hon Jacob Thompson of Lafayette was
elected Speaker pro Tem.
Upon a call of the roll the follow-
ing members answered to their names.
From the County of
Carroll W W Liddell
Chickasaw C C M Mayble
Choctaw Wm Fox, George W. Archer
Coahoma W R Johnson, W O Allen
Issaquena [illegible]
Yazoo M Connely, J K Burton, Wm C Sicily,
[illegible] W J Boyce,
[illegible] W C Robinson
Lafayette Jacob Thompson N A Low
[illegible] Bell, Arnold
[illegible] R B Bell,
[illegible] J J A Mc Kay,
[illegible] J M Cunningham,
[illegible] J D Isbell, J C Maxwell,
[illegible] Robert McLaurin,
[illegible] J D Millard, J Abigh Thomas,
[illegible] John C Goodwin,
[illegible] W D Brown, W Clark,
[illegible] J Burton
[illegible] Tarbox

A Quorum present.
Mr Brown offered the following
resolution which was adopted.
Resolved by the House of Repre-
sentatives that the Hon Jacob Thomp-
son be invited to address the House
this evening at early candle light.

Accept Legislature of Louisiana
relative to the Financial Affairs
and Bonds of the State, which
I shall lay before Congress
at its next session, and
commend to their favorable
consideration.

The Message of Mr. Lincoln
which was referred when read
was ordered to be printed.

Friday, March 25 1864

Mr. Sherman presented memorial
of citizens, praying for the
passage of a law to
prohibit the sale of
liquor in certain
places in the
District of Columbia
which was referred to the
Committee for the District
of Columbia.

Mr. Sherman also presented
the petition of Mrs. Mary
Surratt, praying for
the release of her
daughter from
confinement.

Mr. Harlan asked
to be excused from
serving on the Committee
on Pensions, which was
agreed to.

Mr. Harlan was
then appointed
on the Committee
on Claims.

Mr. Wade presented
the petition of
citizens of
Cleveland, Ohio,
praying for
the passage
of a law
to

Mr Rucker, moved that the House adjourn, until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Which was lost.

Mr Irby, moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Which was adopted.

Saturday March 26 1864

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Upon a call of the House fifty three members answered to their names.

Mr Wells introduced Hon Samuel Young, member elect from the County of Shelby, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon Silas H Clark, who presented his credentials, and took the usual oath.

On motion of Mr Cunningham, the House proceeded to the election of Door Keeper.

Mr Cunningham, put in nomination the name of Mr James Davis of Fayette County.

No other name being in nomination on motion of Mr Upshaw, Mr Davis was elected by acclamation.

Mr Johnson of Rhea, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk inform

the Senate, that the House is a quorum and is ready to proceed to business.

Mr Robertson of Desoto, offered the following resolutions; which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of five on the part of the House, and on the part of the Senate, be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him, that the two Houses are now organized and ready to receive any communication he may wish to make.

The Speaker, appointed on said committee, on the part of the House Messrs, Robinson of Desoto, Stephens, Arnold, Irby and Powe.

Mr Rucker, introduced, Hon Sutton Anderson, member elect from the County of Hinds, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon James [illegible], who presented his credentials and took the usual oath.

The Speaker, presented communications, from Col A[illegible] and Hon Israel Welch.

Mr Murdock, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the several clergymen, of the town of Macon, be requested to open the morning sessions of the House, with prayer.

Mr Howdon, asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled an Act to increase the Salary of the Probate Judge of Scott County. Which was on a Suspension of the Rules;

Read, three several times, and passed, forthwith, little Harding as stated.

Mr Lowery, moved, that Hon R B Smith, former member from Tishamingo, be allowed a Seat as a member of this House. which was rejected.

The Committee, on the part of the House, appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, made the following report, through Mr Johnson of Desoto, the Chairman.

Mr Speaker, the committee appointed, on the part of the House, to wait on His Excellency the Governor, have performed that duty, with the Committee on the part of the Senate and have informed, by His Excellency, that he will communicate a Message in writing.

Mr Reed, asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled an act to increase the Salaries of the Probate Judges of Newton and Clark Counties. On his further motion, the Rule was dis-

pended and the Bill read a second time by its title.

Mr Jackson moved to amend by an additional Section, which was adopted.

Section 2; Be it further enacted, that the Salary of the Probate Judge of Amite County, shall be one thousand dollars, instead of eight hundred dollars, as now provided by law.

On motion of Mr Brown, the Rule was suspended, and the Bill read the third time and passed.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor through Mr Farrar his private Secretary.

Executive office
Jackson Miss March 28 1842

Mr Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor, to deliver to you [illegible] age in writing, with the accompanying Documents.

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The [illegible] of our State has [illegible] our people to more [illegible] [illegible] resistance. [illegible] equity through [illegible] the arms of invasion passed. [illegible] country of [illegible] OUR FIFTY [illegible] years o[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their services. Let the sum, to be followed by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

On motion of Mr Bradford; Two thousand copies of the Governor's ~~Message, was~~ ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr Upshaw; all that portion of the Governor's message relating to the Finances; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On his further motion, that portion of his message, relating to Militia, was refered to a Special Committee of Six.

The Speaker, appointed on said Committee; Messrs Upshaw, Dodd, Jackson, Bradford Rusk, and Darnell.

On motion of Mr Lowry, Mr Randell, was added to the Committee.

Mr Murdock, asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill, entitled an act to establish Distilleries for Medicinal purposes.

The Bill read the first time; and on motion of Mr Murdock, was refered to the Special Committee on Distilleries.

On motion of Mr Upshaw, that much of the Governors message as refers to the State Troops, was refered to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr Upshaw, that much of the Governors message, as refers to the Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus, was refered to the Judiciary

Committee.

On motion of Mr Rucks, so much of the Governor's message, as relates to the examining Commissioners, to examine the Auditors and Treasurers offices; was refered to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr Thompson, so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Penetentiary, was refered to the Committee on the Penetentiary.

On motion of Mr Rucks, so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to Public Buildings, was refered to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr Upshaw, asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the distillation of Spirits and other substances, which was read once, and on his motion refered to the Special committee on Distilleries.

Mr Downs, asked and obtained leave to introduce, a Bill, to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Police of Itawamba to borrow money of the School fund; And on his motion the Rule was suspended, the Bill was read three several times and passed for the action of the House standing as stated.

The following Message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate has adopted

the following Resolutions to wit;
Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate is now organized, by the election of Mr John A Bowden Door Keeper in the place of D L Smith resigned, and are now ready to proceed to business.

The Senate have adopted the Joint Resolution of the House, appointing a Committee, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and have filled the blank with the name of the President appointed Messrs Moore, Patton & Taylor on the part of the Senate.

Mr Robinson introduced Hon John A Hanson, member elect from the County of Leake, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon Robt A Harris, who presented his credentials, and took the usual oath.

On Motion of Mr Bradford, the House adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday March 28 1864.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Journal of Saturday, was read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs Hays of Noxubee, Hanson, Minter

and Bradford, until, to-morrow morning.

Mr Irby, offerd the following joint resolution.

Resolved (the Senate consurring) that the two Houses meet in joint Convention at 12 Oclock on Wednesday the 30th Inst, for the purpose of electing a Keeper of the Capitol, and a Superintendant of the Penetentiary.

The Constitutional rule, requiring joint resolutions, to lie on the table one day, was dispensed with. On Motion of Mr Irby, and the resolution adopted.

Upon the call of Counties.

Mr Young of Attala, introduced a bill, entitled an act, for the relief of Soldiers families of Attala County. Which was read twice, on a Suspension of the rule, and refered to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr Lowery, introduced a bill entitled, an act for the relief of James Patterson, administrator of the Estate of John B Simonton deceased of Calhoun County, which was on a Suspension of the Constitutional rule, read three several times and passed forthwith, title standing as stated.

Mr Arnold, introduced a Protest and Resolution, in relation to illegal

Seizures and impressments. which were read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr Tucker were referred to a committee of three. The Speaker appointed on said Committee, Messrs Tucker, Arnold and Nash.

Mr Young, by leave introduced a bill, entitled, An act to remedy the evils occasioned by and growing out of the destruction by fire or otherwise of Public Records; which was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following message was received from the Senate, by Mr Foster.

Mr Speaker. The Senate have passed the following Bills to wit; An act to amend the Charter of the Southern Rail Road Company.

An act to amend an act, Entitled an act to enable the Rail Road Companies of this State to pay the Money borrowed by them. Approved December 7th 1863.

On motion of Mr Irby. The Senate Message, was taken up; a bill, to be entitled an act, to amend an act, to enable Rail Road Companies of the State, to pay the money borrowed by them. Approved December 7th 1863. Read the first time, On Motion of Mr Irby, the rule was suspended, and

the bill read the second time; and on his further motion, the Constitutional rule was suspended; the bill read the third time and passed. Ordered that the title stand as stated.

Senate bill, to be entitled, an act to amend the Charter of the Southern Rail Road Company. Read the first time. On motion of Mr Rucker, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third times, and passed. Ordered that the title stand as stated.

Mr Rucker, in a few brief remarks announced the death of his former colleague, Hon James B Ross of Hinds County, and offered the following Resolutions; which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, we have heard with feelings of deep regret, of the death of the Hon James B Ross, a member of this House from the County of Hinds, Therefore

Resolved, That whilst we bow in submission to this dispensation of Divine Providence, still we deeply deplore the untimely loss of so good a man.

Resolved, That in the death of James B Ross, this House has lost one of its most useful members, the State one of its best citizens, and the Country one of its truest patriots and defenders, who often in the field

or bulls of Legislature.

Resolved, That the members of this House will ever bear in pleasing remembrance a recollection of his untiring industry and strict attention to the interest of his constituents and Country, and also of his uniform urbanity and Courtesy, while a member of this House.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the deceased this House do now adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, that these resolutions be entered on the Journals of this House, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned, until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday March 29 1864

House met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev I M Harmon.

The Journal of Monday was read and approved.

Mr Barton, by leave introduced a ~~bill~~ joint resolution, asking certain information from the Treasurer. On a suspension of the rule, was read three and adopted.

Mr Allen, by leave introduced a bill entitled an act to change the name of Julia Roberts, to Julia Moore

On a suspension of the Constitutional rule, was read three several times and passed forthwith, title to stand as stated.

On motion of Mr High, Mr Tindall was added to the Committee on Distilleries.

Mr Anderson, by leave introduced a bill, entitled an Act, to authorize the Boards of Police, to make allowances to County Treasurers and Clerks of Probate in certain cases.

Which was read thrice Several times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed forthwith. Title standing as stated.

Mr Tindall, by leave, introduced a joint resolution, granting leave of absence to Hon A G Gillespie Auditor of Public Accounts. Which was read twice, under a suspension of the rule and adopted.

Mr Upshaw, by leave introduced a joint resolution of thanks to Maj Generals Forrest and Gholson; which was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and adopted.

Mr Murdaugh, by leave, introduced a bill, entitled an Act incorporating the town of Wesson, in the County of Copiah. Which was read three several times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed forthwith. Ordered that the title stand as stated.

Mr Wells, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act entitled an act, to better provide for families of Soldiers. approved December 2 1863. Which was read three several times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed for the ~~with~~ with ~~title~~ stand as stated.

Mr Tindall, by leave introduced a bill, which on his motion, was referred to the Special Committee on Distilleries.

Mr Vaudan, by leave introduced a bill, to be entitled an act, for the relief of Tax Payers in certain cases, and for other purposes, which was read twice, And on motion of Mr Mundachie was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Bradford, by leave introduced a bill, to be entitled an act, to legalize the assessment roll of Bolivar County. Which was read twice under a suspension of the Rule. Mr Allen moved to amend by inserting Desoto County in bill and title. Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Bradford, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time, and passed as amended.

The following message was received from the Senate by Mr Porter Secretary.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed

Bill of the following title.

"An act for the relief of Caleb Mealone &c", "An act for the relief William S Taylor Sheriff & Tax Collector of Madison County and the Sureties upon his official Bond."

"An act to authorize Joshua and Thomas Green to erect a toll bridge over Pearl River" also

House Bills of the following Titles. An act to increase the Salaries of the Probate Judges of Lincoln, Clarke and Winston Counties

"An act to increase the Salary of the Probate Judge of Scott County.

"An act to authorize the Board of Police of the County of Hancock to borrow money from the treasurer of the School fund of said County" with sundry amendments thereto, which the Concurrence of the House is desired.

The Senate have concurred in the Joint Resolution of the House appointing Wednesday the 30th Inst 12 o'clock M for the election of a Keeper of the Capitol & Superintendant of the Penitentiary

Messrs Hamilton & Davis have been added to the Joint Standing Committee on claims. Also Senate Bill

A Bill to be Entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to fund the Contingent Treasury notes & the

Treasury.

On motion of Mr Thompson. The Senate Message was taken up. Senate Bill C, to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to fund the Confederate Treasury Notes in the Treasury, was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Thompson, the rule was suspended, and the Bill read the second time.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Desoto. The House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Mr Johnson of Desoto in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, reported the Bill back to the House, with a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of the substitute. Which was received and agreed to. The Constitutional rule was suspended on motion of Mr Thompson and the Substitute, a Bill to be entitled an act to authorize the exchange of Confederate Notes for the New Issue of the same and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Lewis, took a recess until 3 oclock P. M.

3 oclock P M.

The House having assembled, the Clerk

called the House to order.

Mr Rucks, called up Senate Message, on Act, to be entitled an Act for the relief of Caleb Malone &c; the Bill was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Rucks, the Rule was Suspended, and the Bill read the Second time.

On his further motion, the House resolved its self in committee of the whole on this Bill, Mr Rucks in the Chair; After some time spent therein; On motion of Mr Tindall, the Committee rose, and reported back the Bill to the House, and recommended that it pass.

On motion of Mr Tindall, the Rule was Suspended, the Bill read the third time and passed; ordered that the Title Stand as stated.

The Senate Bill, to be Entitled an Act to authorize Joshua and Thomas Green to erect a toll bridge on Pearl River; was on motion of Mr Rucks, taken up, and on his further motion, the Rule was Suspended, the Bill read three Several times, and forthwith passed; ordered that the Title Stand as stated.

Senate Bill, entitled an act for the relief of William S Taylor Sheriff and Tax Collector of Madison County and Sureties on his official Bond; was read the first time.

On Motion of Mr Lott the Constitutional

Rule was suspended, Bill read the second and third times and passed, ordered that the title stand as stated.

The Senate amendment to House Bill, entitled an Act to authorize the Board of Police of Catahoula to borrow money of the School fund; were concured in.

Mr Gandell, moved that the Clerk be instructed to ask the Senate, to return the joint resolution of thanks to Maj Genl Forest and Gholson, this day adopted by the House, and Communicated to the Senate. The motion was lost.

Mr Robinson, by leave introduced a Bill, to be entitled an Act to amend an Act for the relief of the Mississippi State troops. Approved December 9 1863.

The Bill was read the first time.

And on motion of Mr Robinson, the Rule was suspended, the Bill read the second time by its title.

And on motion of Mr Minden the Bill was referd to the Committee on Military affairs.

Mr Owen presented a Memorial of R L Jones; which was on his motion referd to the Committee on Education.

Mr Rucker, from the Judiciary Committee reported a Bill Entitled an act to amend Articles 1100 & 1101 of Section 124 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code, relating to decents and distributions. And on his motion, the Constitutional

Rule, was suspended, the Bill read three several times forthwith, and passed Title standing as stated.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate refuses to concur in House substitute to Senate Bill Entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi, to fund the Confederate Treasury notes, now in the Treasury.

Mr Wells, Chairman of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, made the following report, which was received and agreed to.

Mr Speaker

The Committee on Propositions & Grievances, to whom was referred a Bill entitled an act for the relief of Soldiers families of Attala County, have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill do pass.

On Motion of Mr Young, the House resolved it self in Committee of the whole on the Bill, Mr Brown in the Chair, after a short time spent therein the Committee rose, and reported the Bill back to the House, with a recommendation that it do pass

The Report was received and agreed to.

On Motion of Mr Young, the Constitutional Rule was suspended, the Bill read the third time and passed, with the title as stated.

Mr Fowler, called up Senate Message and on his Motion, the House

refused to recede from its amendment by way of substitute Bill, for Senate Bill, entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to fund the Confederate Treasury Notes, now in the Treasury.

Mr Houston, by leave introduced a Bill entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, to allow Soldiers out of the State to vote.

The Bill read the first time and placed upon the calleneder.

Mr Powe introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions which were adopted.

Whereas, Information has been received that W. E. Rogers a member of this House, from the County of Lafayette has left this State and gone to the enemy. Therefore

Resolved, That it is the duty of this House to enquire into the treasonable conduct of said Rogers, and if found guilty to declare his seat vacant, and to hold the offender up to the merited execration & contempt of all honorable persons.

And on his motion, a Select Committee of three was appointed to investigate said charges, to whom the accompanying documents were referd.

The Speaker appointed Com Dale Committee Messrs Powe, Brown and Robinson.

Mr Wells, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms be requested to furnish each member of the House with twenty five copies of the Governors Message, as soon as they are received.

The following message was received from the Senate,

~~Asking a committee of Conference between the two Houses, on the difference existing between the two bodies, upon a bill, entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi, to transfer the Confederate Notes now on the Treasury.~~

The Speaker appointed as committee on the part of the House, Messrs Mashaw, Nicholson, Murdock, Hunter and Bacon.

On motion of Mr Mashaw the House concurred in the Joint Resolution, inviting Hon John J McRae to address the Legislature.

Mr Jackson of Desoto, introduced the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the State Printers be and they are hereby instructed to publish for the use of the members of the House one thousand Copies of the Currency act, the Militia act, the Tax act, and the Vendors Copies Act, passed at the present session of

Congress.

Mr Lyons, introduced the following resolution;

Resolved, By the House the Senate concurring, that the Hon Wm L Harris of the County of Policy, be invited to address the Legislature at its present Session, at such time, as may suit his convenience.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate adhere to their disagreement to House substitute to Senate Bill Entitled An Act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi, to fund the Confederate Treasury Notes, now in the Treasury.

And ask a committee of Conference thereon. Messrs Hamilton, Moore & Oliver have been appointed as said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate have adopted the following Joint Resolution, to which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Resolved, By the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) That the Hon John J McRae be invited to address the Legislature of the State, at such time as may suit his convenience, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to transmit to

him a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Mr Robinson of Desoto was taken up.

On motion of Mr Upshaw; the House agreed to the request of the Senate, asking a committee of Conference, between the two Houses, on the difference existing between the two bodies, upon the Bill entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to fund the Confederate Notes, now in the Treasury.

The Speaker appointed, as Committee on the part of the House, Messrs Upshaw, Thompson Murdock, Minter and Boon.

On motion of Upshaw, the House concured in the Joint Resolution, inviting the Hon John A McRae, to address the Legislature.

Mr Robinson of Desoto introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the State Printer be and he is hereby instructed to publish for the use of the members of the House, one Thousand copies of the Corpus act, the Militia Act, the Tax Act and the Habeas Corpus act, passed at the present session of Congress.

Mr Lewis, introduced the following resolution; Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring) that the Hon Jno L Harris of this County of Bolivar, be invited to address the Legislature at its present Session, at such time as may suit his convenience.

Mr Hearon, announced the death of the Hon Robt A Harris, late a member of this House from the County of Leake, and introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions: Which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas; This House has heard with profound regret, the death of the Hon Robert A Harris, late a member of this body from the County of Leake; therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of the Hon Robert A Harris, the State has lost an efficient Legislator, and the County of Leake a valuable Representative, and one of its best citizens.

Resolved; That as a token of the profound respect entertained for the memory of the deceased, this House, now adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and a copy be furnished the family

of the deceased.

On motion of Mr Downes, The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock

Wednesday March 30 1864

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Ledlard.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The following Message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed the following Entitled Bills.

"An act to repeal an act entitled an act to reduce the salary of the Probate Judge of Tishamingo County approved December 2nd 1861"

"An act to authorize attorneys and counsellors at law, being Circuit Clerks to practice law in the Probate Court for a limited period."

Also House Bill, Entitled.

An act to authorize the Boards to make allowance to County Treasurers in certain cases"

"An act to amend an act Entitled an act to better provide for the families of Soldiers, approved Dec 2nd 1863"

"An act to Incorporate the Town of Tuscon in the County of Copiah"

"An act to change the name of

Julia Roberts, to Julia Morris."

"An act to legalize the assessment rolls of Bolivar and Desoto Counties".

And have concurred in the following House Resolutions.

"Resolution Instructing our Senators & requesting our Representatives &c"

"Granting leave of absence to A S Gillespie &c"

"Requiring the Treasurer to make report in regard to certain funds".

Also House Resolutions of thanks to certain Generals, with amendments.

Passed Senate Bill Entitled "An act to transfer certain State troops to the Confederate Service."

The Senate have receded and agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference in the disagreement of the two Houses on the Senate Bill Entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of the State of Miss. to fund the Treasury Notes now in the Treasury." &

Mr Brown, by leave introduced a Bill to be Entitled an act To authorize County officers and persons holding ~~Fiduciary Capacity~~ to fund Confederate Treasury Notes in a Fiduciary capacity, to fund the same and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr Brown, Ordered

Constitutional Rule was suspended, and the Bill read the second time.

On motion of Mr Liddell, the Bill was refered to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr Lipscomb, from the Committee of Conference, between the two Houses, made the following report

Mr Speaker,

The Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing ~~votes~~ vote of the two Houses, have agreed to an adjustment of the same; have instructed me to report a substitute Bill and recommend its passage; which Bill has been just reported to the Senate.

Which was received and agreed to.

Mr Cunningham, called up, Senate Message

On motion of Mr Cunningham, the regular Order of business was suspended, with the view of taking up Senate Message.

The Senate Bill, entitled an act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to fund Confederate Treasury Notes, now in the Treasury, and for other purposes.

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Lipscomb, the Constitutional Rule was suspended, Bill read the second and third times, and passed. Title standing as stated.

Senate Bill, Entitled an act to

amend an act, to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Lincoln Co County. Approved Dec 2 1861.

Read on motion of Mr Barton.

Under a suspension of the Constitutional Rule, read three several times, and passed forthwith. Title standing as stated.

Senate Bill, entitled an act to authorize Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, being Deputy Clerks, to practice Law in the Probate Courts, for a limited period; was

Read first time.

On motion of Mr Fort.

The Constitutional Rule, was suspended, Bill read the second and third times and passed. Title standing as stated.

Senate Bill, Entitled an act to transfer certain State books to the Confederate Archives; read the first time.

On motion of Mr Lipscomb; the Bill was read the second time by its title.

Mr Thompson moved its reference to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Which was lost.

The hour having arrived for the Joint Convention of the two Houses.

On motion of Mr Brown; ~~House~~ Senate took a recess for five minutes, for preparing the Hall for the reception of the Senate.

The recess having expired.

The Speaker called the House to order.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the Clerk, was instructed to inform the Senate, that the Hall of the House was in readiness for their reception, to the end, that the two Houses in Joint Convention, proceed to the election of Superintendent of the Penitentiary and Keeper of the Capitol.

The Senate, preceded by the Sergeant at Arms, entered the Hall, and took the Seats assigned them.

The President of the Senate, announced the object of the Joint Convention.

Mr Hamilton of the Senate, moved That the Convention proceed to the election of a Superintendant of the Penitentiary by ballot.

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as tellers Messrs Hamilton of the Senate, and Isley of the House

Nominations being in order.

Mr Rucker of the House, nominated Mr Hamol of Hinds County.

Mr Bradford of the House, nominated D R Conley of Tishamingo County.

No other nominations being made.

The Convention proceeded to Ballot.

On the first ballot.

D R Conley received	53	Vote
Mr Hamol "	32	"
Whole number of Votes cast	82	"
Necessary to a choice	42	"

Mr Conley having received a majority

of all the Votes cast, was declared Constitutionally elected Superintendant of the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr Moore of the Senate. The Convention proceeded to the election of Keeper of the Capitol, by ballot.

The President appointed the same Tellers of the present election.

Nominations being in order.

Mr Geiger of the Senate nominated I Mc Coates of Hinds County.

Mr Hamilton of the Senate nominated F A Whiting of Hinds County.

Mr Anderson of the House nominated Richard Heardy of Hinds County.

No other nominations being made.

The Convention proceeded to ballot.

On the first ballot.

Mr Coates received		106 votes
Mr Whiting	"	63 "
Mr Heardy	"	7 "
Mr Stanley	"	1 "
Whole number of Votes cast		81 "
Necessary to a choice		41 "

Mr Whiting having received a majority of all the Votes cast, was declared Constitutionally elected Keeper of the Capitol.

The object of the Convention having been accomplished.

The President declared it dissolved.

The Senate retired to their Chamber.

The Speaker called the House to

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed a bill, entitled an act to remove the Civil disabilities of Wm R Jenkins, a minor of Newton County.

On motion of Mr Gully.

The Senate Message just received, was taken up.

The Senate Bill, entitled an act to remove the civil disabilities of William R Jenkins a minor of Newton County. was on motion of Mr Gully, read three several times, forthwith, and passed. Title standing as stated.

Mr Tindall, by leave introduced, a Bill to be entitled, an act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi to allow Soldiers out of the State to Vote.

Read the first time, and passed by Ayes and Nays, as follows.

Ayes: Mr Speaker, Mefsrs, Anderson, Archer, Allen, Arnold, Bradford, Bestor, Boon, Baton, Brown, Bunton, Cummings, Deason of Copiah, Dorsett, Deason of Jones, Daniel, Dillard, Easterling, Fowler, Frith, Fosdick, Fort, Gully, Gurley, Harris, Hanson, Hendon, Isom, Irby, Jackson, Johnson of Leake, Johnson of Pike, Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Lowry, Lewis, Manable, Maxwell, Mundee, McClanahan, McKay of Jasper, McLaurin, McNeil,

Owen, Pounds, Powe, Pinson, Rucker,
Sessions, Shelby, Stephens, Taylor
Thompson, Tindall, Upshaw, Wier,
Yandell and Young 39.
Nays Messrs Gray, Haigh, Minter
and McKay of Green 4.
On motion of Mr Brown.
The House adjourned until to morrow
morning 10 oclock.

Thursday March 31 1814

The House met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by Rev Dr Hamon
The Journals of yesterday was read and
approved
The following Message was received
from the Senate.
Mr Speaker.
The Senate have passed
Bills of the following ~~titles. [illegible]~~ titles,
An act to authorize the collection of
taxes in the manner therein mentioned
and for other purposes.
"An act to legalize the assessment
of taxes, for Carroll County for the year 1813."
"H R, Concurred in House Resolution
inviting the Hon W L Harris to address
the Legislature
"An act for the relief of John G Barton,
and C M Williams of Tishamingo County.
"An act fixing the salary of the deputy
Auditor of Public Accounts."
A communication from Hon John A

McRae, accepting an invitation of the Legislature to address them during the present Session was read.

The Speaker presented the following communication from Mr D Mayes State Treasurer in response to a resolution of both Houses.

Treasurers Office
Macon Miss
30 March 1864

To the Legislature of Mississippi.

In reply to your Resolution of this date, I have the honor to submit the following Report.

The most of the papers relating to the Treasury Notes of 1862 & 63 & 64, are in Montgomery Ala, so that I cannot give you the precise amount. I can however give you from the data before me, very nearly the information you desire. A very large amount of these Notes, were placed in the hands of the Brigadier Gens of the state in 1861. I received a letter from Brigadier Gen. Cahlgren, just before I left Jackson Miss, saying he had on hand of the Notes $8.230. There has been taken up $310.620. There are ten Boxes of Specie in Montgomery Ala & one on hand at this place. I estimate this on hand $14.000 in Coin. If all the Notes dated 1 June 1862 are presented there will just about be Coin enough in the Treasury to pay them. But I estimate that

thousand dollars will never be presented to the State for payment some being lost & some burned. I know of some being burnt myself.

Recapitulation

Amt issued $333,330.00

Contra

Amt Redeemed 310,620.00
Amt in hands Gen Morgan 8.230.00
Amt of Specie on hand Dec 14.000.00 332.850.00

Leaves balance outstanding $ 480.00
if all are presented for payment.

Respectfully Submitted
M D Haynes
Treasurer.

The Committee on enrolled bills.
Through Mr Johnson, their Chairman
made the following report.
Mr Speaker

The committee on Enrollment, have examined bills of the following titles & finding the same correctly enrolled, have submitted them to the Governor for his approval & signature &c.

An Act to increase the Salary of the Probate Judge of Scott County.

An Act to increase the Salaries of the Probate Judges of Lincoln, Clarke & Winston counties.

An Act to authorize the Board of Police of the County of Itawamba to borrow money of the School Fund.

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to better provide for the families of Soldiers; approved Dec 2d 1863.

An Act to incorporate the town of Macon, in Copiah County.

An Act to change the name of Julia Roberts to Julia Morris.

An Act granting leave of absence to A. J. Gillespie Auditor of Public Accounts.

An Act to legalize the assessment rolls of Bolivar and Desoto Counties.

An Act to authorize the Boards of Police to make allowance to Comd'g Treasurers & Clerks of Probate in certain cases.

Mr Cunningham, by leave introduced a bill entitled

An act to authorize Thomas Murphy a Minor, to receive and receipt for an appropriation heretofore made to Wm Murphy.

Which was on his motion, under a suspension of the Constitutional rule read three several times, and passed forthwith, title standing as stated.

On motion of Mr Rodeks

A bill entitled, an act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, to allow Soldiers out of the State to vote.

to which had been read, the first time yesterday, was called up.

Read the second time, and passed

by Yeas and Nays, as follows.

Yeas Mr Speaker, Messrs Anderson, Archer, Arnold, Bradford, Bestor, Boon, Barton, Brown, Bunton, Cunningham, Deason of Copiah, Dorsey, Deason of Jones, Davis, Dillard, Easterling, Fowler, Fox, Fort, Gully, Govan, Hooker, Hanson, Hendon, Hood, Irby, Jackson, Johnson, of Desoto, Johnson, of Tippah, Liddell, Lott, Lowry, Lewis, Moore, Marshall, Morehead, Murdock, McLemore, McKay, of Leshoby, McNeil, Owen, Pounds, Pope, Pinson, Rucks, Robinson, Sessions, Shelly, Stephens Thompson, Tindall, Upshaw Wells, Weir, Yandell and Young. 37.

Nays Messrs. Allen, Grace, Gray, Wight, Kirk, Minter, McKay, of Green, McLaurin and Taylor. 9.

Mr Pope offerd the following joint resolution.

Resolved, the Senate concurring, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to urge before Congress, the passage of a law, Reducing the ad valorem tax of five per cent upon property and credits, to two and one half per cent, and to extend the time of the payment of said taxes to the first of December 1864, instead of the first of June 1864.

On his motion, the Constitutional rule was suspended; read the Second time and adopted, by Yeas and Nays, called for by Messrs Murdock, Tindall and Watson.

Yeas, Messrs. Anderson, Archer, Allen, Arnold, Boon, Barton, Brown, Butler, Cunningham, Deason, of Copiah, Downes, Deason of Lowndes, Daniel, Dillard, Easterling, Gray, Hooker, Hanson, Hardon, Isom, Isley, Jackson, Johnson of Desoto, Johnson of Lippah, Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Lowery, Minter, Moore, Mosable, Morehead, McLemore, McKay, of Green, McKay of Neshoba, McLaurin, Owen, Powell, Pope, Pinson, Robinson, Sessions, Shelly, Taylor, Thompson, Wells, Yandell and Young. 55.

Nays, Mr Speaker, Messrs Bradford, Burton, Haigh, Lewis, Murdock, McNeil, Rucker, Stephens, Tindall, and Upshaw. 11.

Mr Thompson, by leave introduced a bill, entitled, An act, to amend an act entitled an act, for the examination of the offices of Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer, approved December 11 1863.

And on his motion, the Constitutional rule was suspended, bill read three several times, and passed forthwith, Title standing as stated.

The regular order of business was then taken up:

Being a Bill entitled an act to transfer certain State, Books to the Confederate Service, which was upon its second reading.

On motion of Mr Upshaw The House resolved it self into committee of the whole on the bill

Mr Upshaw in the chair.
After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, reported the bill back to the House, with sundry amendments thereto, with a recommendation that the Bill as amended, do pass.

Which was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Stephens, the following amendment,

Amend Section one by striking out the words, "may at" after the word "Governor" in second line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall"; strike out all in third line, except the words, "transfer all", and "the troops", was adopted by Ayes and Nays, called for by Messrs Bradford, Scully, and Irby.

Ayes, Mr Speaker, Messrs, Archer, Arnold, Brown, Burton, Bunting, Cunningham, Deason of Copiah, Dowdy, Deason of Jones, Dillard, Easterling, Eskridge, Fowler, Fort, Grace, Gray, Hooker, Leigh, Mandon, Moore, Jackson, Johnson of Tishomingo, Kirk, Liddell, Lowery, Lowry, Moore, Marable, Murdock, McLemore, McLaurin, Owen, Pounds, Pinson, Sessions, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Tindall Weir, and Young. 42

Nays, Messrs, Anderson, Allen, Bradford, Beston, Brown, Daniel, Fort, Scully, Govan, Hanson, Irby, Johnson, of Desoto, Catt, McKay of Green, McKay of Neshoba, Powe, Pruitt, Rucks, Robinson, Shelly, Upshaw, and Woodall, 22.

The other amendment to adopted by the

Committee were on motion of Mr Stephens agreed to.

On motion of Mr Stephens, the Bill as amended, was passed by Yeas and Nays called for by Messrs Brown, Irby and Mandble.

Yeas. Mr Speaker, Messrs Archer, Arnold, Boon, Barton, Bunting, Cunningham, Deason of Copiah, Dowdy, Deason of Jones, Dillard Easterling, Eskridge, Fowler, Fort, Grace, Gray, Hooker, Hendon, High, Houdon, Isom, Jackson, Johnson of Lippah, Kirk, Liddell, Lewis, Moore, Mandble, Murdock, McLemore, McLaurin, Owen, Pounds, Robinson, Sessions, Stubbs of Smith, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Tindall, Wells, Wiseman Young 45

Nays, Messrs, Anderson, Allen, Bradford, Betton, Brown, Daniel, Fort, Gully, Govan, Irby, Johnson of Desoto, Lott, Downey, McKay of Green, McKay of Neshoba, Rhett, Ricks, Shelly, Upshaw, and Yandell 20.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor by his private Secretary Mr Farrar.

Executive Chamber
Macon March 31 1864

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he did on the 30th Inst sign and approve the following House Bills Entitled,

An Act to increase the Salaries of the Probate Judges of Hinds, Clarke, and

Counties.

No 2. An act to increase the salary of the Probate Judge of Scott County.

No 3 An Act to authorize the Boards of Police of the Counties of Itawamba, Tishamingo, Lauderdale, and Newton to borrow money of the School fund,

Charles C Turner
Private Secretary.

The following message was received from the Senate,

Mr Speaker.

The Senate has adopted the following entitled Joint Resolution to wit.

"Joint Resolution declaring the Judicial, Executive, Legislature Military officers or agents of the State Government not subject to conscription or service in the Confederate Army."

The House is asked to concur in the same.

On motion of Mr Barton. The House took a recess until 3 oclock P M.

3 oclock P M.

The recess having expired
The Speaker called the House to order.
Mr Murdock, of Lowndes, from the Committee on claims, submitted the following Report.

Mr Speaker. The Committee on claims to whom was referred a Bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mr Sallie Mott, widow of the late Brig C Mc Mott, have instructed me to report a substitute with the

recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Barton, report received & agreed to.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the rule was suspended, the bill read the 3d time, by title & passed. Title standing as stated.

Mr Rucks from Judiciary committee submitted the following Report,

Mr Speaker, The Judiciary committee have had under consideration the bill refered to them entitled "an act for the relief of tax payers in certain cases and for other purposes, and have directed me to report favorably to said bill, and recommend that the same do pass.

Joseph I Rucks.

Which was received and agreed to

On motion of Mr Rucks, the rule was suspended, the bill read 3 times by title and passed. Title standing as stated.

Mr Rucks submitted the following Report.

Mr Speaker. The committee to whom was refered the resolutions protesting against illegal and unjust impressments of property, have had the same under consideration, & they have examined carefully the laws passed to remedy the evil complained of in the resolutions refered to them and have directed me to report, that in their opinion, the laws as they now are if enforced are a sufficient remedy, and that no further legislation is necessary on the subject.

R J Rucks

recent Legislation of Congress in relation to the Financial, Military and Habeas Corpus acts at its recent Session, and that the Sergeant at Arms, immediately in pursuance of this resolution.

On Motion of Mr Barton the House adjourned, until to morrow morning at 9 Oclock.

Which was received and agreed to.

Mr Reston, from the Committee on Education, Submitted the following Report.

The committee on education to whom was referred the Memorial of R S Jones ask leave to present the following report.

The petition asks the Legislature to pass an act, directing the Trustees of Township eighteen Range four west, in the County of Sunflower, or the County Treasurer, to receive for the payment of the principal and interest, due said Township for the sixteenth section therein, the Notes or bonds of the Confederate States.

Your committee are of opinion that the Trustees are fully adequate to manage the interests of said Township, that they have shown a commendable zeal in attending to its interest, and that no Legislation is needed upon the subject, they therefore ask to be dismissed from further consideration.

On motion of Mr McNeil, the Report

was received and agreed to

Mr Upshaw submitted the following Report

Mr Speaker. An act to be entitled an act to amend an act for the relief of the Miss State troops captured at Vicksburg approved 9th 1863, referred by the House to the Court on Military affairs has received the consideration of said Court, by whom I am instructed to report the same back to the House and recommend that it do pass. (Report adopted)

Which was received and agreed to

On motion of Mr Upshaw, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Ford, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled An act to authorize improvements by the Commissioners of Marshall County.

Which was read the first time. Which on motion of Mr Lowery was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr Lowery, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the indigent families of Tishamingo County.

Which was read the first time, and on his motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the bill was referred to the Committee on Petitions & Grievances.

On motion of Mr Robertson of Desoto the House took up the following Senate Messages.

House Joint resolution of thanks to Major Generals Forrest and Gholson, with Senate amendments.

Mr Morehead, moved to lay the message on the table.

Which was adopted.

Senate resolutions instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr Lewis, the rules were suspended, the bill read the second time.

Mr Morehead moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "recent." Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Darby, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill entitled an act fixing the salary of the Deputy Auditor of Public Accounts, was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the rule was suspended, the bill read a second and third time by its title and passed. Title standing as State.

Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Jno G Patton and C M Williams of Tishomingo County, was read.

On motion of Mr Lewis, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time, and passed.

Mr Cunningham, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the distribution of money arising from fines and forfeitures &c.

Which, on his motion, was referred, to the Committee on Education.

Mr Parks, by leave introduced a bill, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting the taxes in this State in the year 1863, and for other purposes.

On his motion, the rule was suspended and the bill read a second time and third time and passed — title standing as stated.

Mr Barton, by leave, introduced the following Resolution.

Resolved, (the Senate Concurring) That the two Houses adjourn sine die on Saturday the 2d April, at 11 o'clock A.M. Which was read the first time.

Mr Govan, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend Article 20 of Sec 3, Chapter 9 of the Revised Code.

On his motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second time, and on his further motion referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Joint resolution declaring the Judicial Executive, Legislative and Military officers or agents of the State Government not subject to conscription or service in the Confederate Army; was read

On motion of Mr Saunders, the resolution was concurred in.

Sundry bills to be entitled an Act to authorize the collection of taxes in the counties therein mentioned and for other purposes, read. was

On motion of Mr Painter, the rule was suspended, and on his further motion, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sundry bills to be entitled an Act to legalize the assessment of taxes in Carroll County, for the year 1868.

On motion of Mr Liddell, the rule was suspended, and the bills read the second and third time by ~~its title~~ title, and passed; title standing as stated of

Mr Rucks, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report.

Mr Speaker. The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred "An act to authorize County Treasurers and other County officers and other persons holding Confederate notes in a fiduciary character to dispose of them under the recent legislation of Congress" have directed to report the same, with amendments, to the House, and recommend its passage as amended. R J Rucks

Which was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Powell, the rule

was suspended, the bill read the third time by its title, and passed, Title standing as stated

Mr Cunningham, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled.

An act to make certain persons liable to duty as overseers of roads.

Which was read the first time, and on his motion the bill was read the second and third time by its title and passed. Title standing as stated.

Mr Murdock, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to perfect the records of the Police Court of Lowndes County.

Which was read the first time on motion of Mr Murdock, the Bill was read the second and third time by its title and passed, Title standing as stated

Mr Thompson, by leave, introduced the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of introducing a Bill for the deduction of a pro rata portion of the salary of the Circuit Judges of this State for each failure to hold the terms of the Circuit Courts of their districts, unless prevented by the presence or protracted sessions of the enemy; which was adopted.

Mr Young, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to alter the penalty for the crime of larceny and other offences

Which was read the first time.

On his motion, the rule was suspended and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr Fort, the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Wells, introduced the following resolutions. Which were adopted.

Resolved 1st, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. Silas H. Black, late a Representative from the County of Attala.

Resolved 2 That in his death this House has lost one of its most useful members, and that we will ever cherish a fond recollection for his virtues, his faithfulness and his courtesy, whilst a member of this House.

Resolved 3. That we tender our sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased, in their hour of deep affliction and distress.

Resolved 4 That in testimony of the respect entertained by this House for the memory of their late associate, it will adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock

Resolved 5. That these resolutions be entered upon the journals of the House, and that the Clerk

requested to forward a copy of the same to the family of the deceased

The Speaker, declared the House adjourned until, to-morrow morning 10 Oclock.

Friday April 1 1864

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Galloway.

The Journal of Thursday was read and approved

The following Message was recived from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed Bills of the following Titles.

"An act for the Relief of destitute families of Soldiers."

"An act to authorize the redemption of Treasury Notes of the State by warrants in small sums, drawn upon the Treasurer by the Auditor and for other purposes."

"An Act for the relief of Sarah Coffee of Lawrence County."

"An act to authorize Sheriffs to administer oaths."

On motion of Mr Lewis, the call of Counties was suspended.

And the bill entitled, an act to alter the Constitution of the State of Mississippi to allow Soldiers out of the State to Vote. Was read the third time, and passed by the following Vote, to wit

Yeas; Mr Speaker, Messrs Anderson, Arches, Arnold, Bradford, Bestor, Boon, Barton, Brown, Buntin, Cunningham, Denson of Copiah, Downs, Deason of Lowndes, Daniel, Dillard, Easterling, Eskridge, Fowler, Fort, Hathorn, Ford, Gully, Gowan, Hooker, Hanson, Hendon, Horn, Irby, Jackson, Johnson of Desoto, Johnson of Tippah, Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Lowry, Lewis, Moore, Mabry, Morehead, Murdock, McLemore, McKay of Yazoo, McNeil, Owen, Pope, Pounds, Pace, Pinson, Rucks, Robinson, Sessions, Shelby, Stubbs of Lincoln, Stephens, Thompson, Tindall, Upshaw, Wells, Wardell and Young 61.

Nays, Messrs Gray, Heigh, Minter and Taylor. 4.

Mr Rucks, by leave presented the petition of James L Mayfield, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Tallahatchie County.

Which was read; and on motion of Mr Rucks, was referred, with the accompanying documents to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr Barton, the Joint resolution, fixing the time for the adjournment of the Legislature was taken up.

Mr Liddell, moved to amend the resolution, by inserting the words 6 Oclock P M, in lieu of the words "11 Oclock A M"

On motion of Mr Thompson.

The resolution, and amendment was laid on the Table.

The following Message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker

The Senate have concurred in the 2d & 3d amendments of the House to Senate Bill Entitled "an act to transfer certain State troops to the Confederate Service" and have refused to concur in the first amendment of the House to said Bill.

Mr Tindall, by leave, introduced a bill, to be entitled an act to be entitled an act to better provide, for the families of Soldiers & sailors, & approved Mar 29 1864

Mr Eskridge asked, and obtained leave to change his vote on the ~~first~~ final passage of bill to transfer certain State troops to the Confederate Service.

Mr Liddell offerd the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to furnish this House at as early a time as practicable, a Statement of the number of troops now in the service of the State, the number under command of Gen Gholson, that he proposes to transfer to the Confederate States. What number he proposes to retain in the Service of the State, how they are organized, whether in Regiments Battalions, companies, by whom commanded and where stationed. Also what force, if any has been raised under the late law of the Legislature, to reorganize the Militia of the State.

Mr Stephens, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend Articles 9 and 44, Sections 1st and 3d Chapter 6 of the Revised Code

Which was read twice, and on motion of Mr Stephens, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr Rucks from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report.

Mr Speaker, The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled "An act to authorize improvements by the Commissioners in the Counties therein named, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, with a recommendation that it pass, being amended so as to apply to any County, whose representatives desire like provisions to extend to their County.

Which was on his motion received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Hart, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time by its title and passed. Title standing as stated.

Mr Rucks made the following Report.

Mr Speaker.

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act to remedy the evils occasioned by and growing out of the distinctions

or loosely file or otherwise of the public records, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the bill back to the House, with a substitute which they propose therefor, and recommend that the substitute do pass.

On motion of Mr Lewis, the report was received and agreed to

On motion of Mr Upshaw, the substitute was adopted, and on his further motion, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time by its title and passed.

The following message was received from the Governor, through his Private Secretary.

Executive Chamber
Macon April 1 1864.

To the Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House, that he did on the 31st ult sign and approve the following House Bills and Resolutions Entitled.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to better provide for the families of Soldiers approved Dec 2nd 1863.

An act to incorporate the town of Monroe, in the County of Walton

An act to authorize the Boards of Police to make allowance to County Treasurers and Clerks of Probates in certain cases.

An act to legalize the Assessment Rolls

of Bolivar and DeSoto Counties.

8 An Act to change the name of Julia Roberts to Julia Malone.

Resolution granting leave of absence to A G Gillespie Auditor of Public Accounts.

Mr Thompson from the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred Senate Joint resolution instructing and requesting our Senators and Representatives, with amendment, reported in favour of its passage as amended.

On his motion, the Report was received and agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Mr Thompson from same Committee to whom was referred House bill to be entitled an act to amend Art 20 of Section 3 Chapter 6 of the Revised Code reported the same back with recommendation that it do pass.

On his motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Thompson, from the same Committee to whom was referred Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the Collection of taxes in the currency therein mentioned, and for other purposes, reported the same back with sundry amendments thereto, with the recommendation that the bill as amended do pass.

Which on his motion, was received

On his further motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read third time and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Thompson offered a series of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of Mississippi in relation to peace.

On motion of Mr Rucks, the resolutions were made the special order for 11 o'clock A M to-morrow.

Mr Upshaw, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker,

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Governors Message to distilleries have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, with a recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Upshaw the report was received and agreed to.

On his further motion, the rule was suspended, the Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr Barton, the bill was made the Special order for 3 o'clock this evening.

Mr Eskridge offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five members of this House be appointed to perfect and report to this House a bill to punish, in the most summary mode, the deserters from the army, and other persons in this State who are

committing lawless acts of violence against the citizens and property of the State.

The Speaker announced on said Committee Messrs Eskridge, Young, Anderson, Tindall and Sewell.

On motion of Mr Tindall, Mr Young was added to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr Brown, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock P.M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. On motion of Mr Stephens the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the Special Order, the bill to prevent the distillation of Spirituous liquors.

Mr Stephens in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Committee reported the bill back with sundry amendments, and asked that the report of the Committee be received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Fort, the report was received

Mr Young, moved that the bill as amended by the Committee be laid upon the table.

Upon which motion the Yeas and Nays were called for by Messrs Shelly, Upshaw and Gowan, and decided in the negative

as follows.

Yeas Messrs. Barton, Bunting, Eastland, Hollowell, Fuller, Govan, Moore, Pope, Shelby, Stubbs of Smith, and Young. 11.

Nays. Mr Speaker, Messrs, Anderson, Archer, Allen, Arnold, Bradford, Beeton, Boon, Brown, Cunningham, Deason of Lafayette, Downs, Deason of Jones, Daniel, Dillard, Eskridge, Fowler, Fort, Fort, Grace, Gray, Hooker, Hanson, Hardon, Howell, Irby, Jackson, Johnson of Desoto, Johnson of Tippah, Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Loony, Lewis, Minter, Mosely, Morehead, Murdoch, McLemore, McKee of Green, McKee of Neshoba, McLaurin, McNeil, Pounds, Police, Pinson, Pruit, Rucks, Robinson, Sessions, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Tindall, Upshaw, Wells, and Yandell 37.

On motion of Mr Fort, the report of the committee was agreed to.

Mr Eskridge to amend the bill by inserting Section 10.

Which was lost.

Mr Stephens moved that the rule be suspended, the bill read the third time and put to pass its passage.

Which was adopted.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were called for by Messrs Barton, Stephens and Upshaw, and decided in the affirmative as follows.

Yeas, Mr Speaker, Messrs, Anderson, Archer, Allen, Arnold, Bradford, Beeton, Boon, Brown, Cunningham, Deason of

Dorsey, Deason of Jones, Daniel, Dillard
Eskridge, Fowler, Fort, Fort, Grace, Gray
Hooker, Hanson, Hendon, Isom, Jackson,
Johnson of DeSoto, Johnson of Tippah,
Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Loony, Minter,
Marable, Morehead, Murdock, McLemore,
McKay of Green, McKay of Neshoba,
McLaurin, McNeil, Powell, Pope, Pruit,
Rucks, Robinson, Sessions, Stephens,
Taylor, Thompson, Tindall, Upshaw.
Wells and Yandell 54.
Nays Mayes, Patton, Rankin, Easterling
Foxworth, Gully, Govan, Irby, Lewis,
Moore, Pope, Pinson, Stuckey of
Smith, and Young, 13

The following message was
received from the Governor through
his Private Secretary.

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 1st 1864

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed by His
Excellency the Governor to deliver
to you his message in writing,
with the accompanying documents.

Message
Executive Chamber
Macon April 1st 1864

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

In your resolution asking for in-
formation in regard to the State Troops.
I have the honor to reply.
No formal report of the Command of
Lieut Gholson, has been received since

the reorganization of his forces.

I send herewith his letter of the 17th inst, showing informally the state of his forces.

I send herewith my General order No 7 of Jany 25 1864. Under this order but one Company, has been mustered into service by the Inspector General except such as are embraced in Genl Gholsons report.

A number of other Companies have been reported as partially formed, and from them I expect to form the Squadrons which I propose to retain in State service, when the troops under Gholson are transfered

If Genl Gholson's command were turned over immediately, I should have but two organized Companies remaining to wit;

Capt Montgomery's Co aggregate		92
Capt Stiles " "		78
		170

I do not propose to turn over to the Confederate Army the whole of the troops under Genl Gholson, until others are mustered into service sufficient to make a Military police force of one thousand men, whereas it is my purpose to transfer them except under such an arrangement, with the Secty of War, as would release my Military police from the annoyances to which it has been subjected in this organization.

The troops under Genl Sholden have been ordered to Tupelo, and will be temporarily stationed there.

Capt Montgomery's Company is in Bolivar County.

Capt Stutts is ordered to Chatawa County.

The companies now forming will be organized into Battalion.

Chas Clark
Governor

On motion of Mr Stephens the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 O'clock.

Saturday April 2 1864

The House met pursuant to adjournment

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved

Mr Irby, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Quarter Master General of the State to settle the accounts of the late Capt Alfred Hudson, and A M Rayburn.

On motion of Mr Irby, the rules were suspended, the Bill read the second and third time, and passed title standing as stated.

Mr Morehead, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act better to provide for Soldiers families, approved 2nd Dec 1863.

On motion of Mr Morehead, the

Rules were suspended, the bill read the second time and third time and passed – title standing as stated.

Mr Eskridge, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act of the Revenue Laws of the State Approved Dec 9th 1818.

Mr Eskridge moved that the rule be suspended, in order that the may be read a second time.

Which was lost.

Mr Young, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to provide for a record of Miss Troops in Military Service.

On motion of Mr Young, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second time.

On motion of Mr Lewis, the bill was referred to the Military Committee.

Mr Stephens, asked and obtained leave of absence for the Sergeant at Arms for this day.

Mr Rucker, from the Judiciary committee, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker.

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act to extend the time for redemption of certain land sold for taxes", have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report in favour of said bill and recommend its passage

On Motion of Mr Rucks, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times and passed—title standing as stated.

Mr Rucks, from the same committee made the following Report.

Mr Speaker.

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred, a bill entitled "an act to alter the penalty for the Crime of Larceny, and for other purposes" have had the same under Consideration, and have directed me to report against said bill—and recommend that the same do not pass

On motion of Mr Rucks, the report was received.

On motion of Mr Lewers, the report was agreed to.

Mr Thompson, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made the following report

Mr Speaker

The Com of Ways & Means to whom was refered a Bill entitled an act to amend Articles 9 & 44 of Sections 103 chapter 6 of Revised Code have instructed me to report the same back with an amendment & recommend that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Thompson, the report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Thompson, the

amendment reported by the committee was adopted.

On his further motion, the bill was read the third time and passed - title standing as stated.

Mr Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, that the thanks of this Legislature are hereby tendered to Major L S Fleming Chief Engineer of Mobile & Ohio Rail Road & to Major George Whitfield Military Superintendant of Rail Roads for their extraordinary efforts to repair said said Road - which resulted in placing said road in running order within 30 days - while 77 miles thereof were more or less destroyed, with Bridges, Trestle & Water Tanks burnt & Rails bent -

The following message was received from the Senate

Mr Speaker

The Senate have passed a Bill Entitled An act supplemental to an act, entitled an act to amend an act, entitled an act to enable Rail Road Companies of this State to pay the money borrowed by them, Approved December 2d 1863.

And have passed the following entitled House Bills.

"An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to better provide for the funds

of Soldiers. Approved March 29 1864"

A Bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to extend the time of assessing the taxes in this State for the year 1863 & for other purposes.

A Bill to be entitled "an act to perfect the Records of the Police Court of Lowndes County"

"An Act to authorize Thos Murphy a Minor to receive and receipt for appropriations heretofore made to Sam'l M Murphy now deceased."

An act for the relief of Soldiers Families" of Attala County."

And have concurred in House Resolution instructing our Senators & requesting our Representatives, in regard to the reduction of the confederate taxes

And have passed the following House Bills, with amendments to each, in which the concurrence of the House is desired: viz

"An Act for the relief of Tax payers in certain cases & for other purposes.

A Bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs Sallie Mott, widow of the late Brig Genl C H Mott.

"An act to make certain persons liable to do duty as Overseers of Roads"

The Senate have concurred in the amendment of the House to Senate Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution instructing our Senators & requesting our

Representatives in Congress."

And have concurred in the first amendment of the House to Senate Bill entitled "An act to authorize the collection of Taxes in the County therein mentioned & for other purposes", and have refused to concur in the second amendment of the House to said Bill.

Mr Wells, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following Report.

Which was received and agreed to

Mr Speaker

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James L Mayfield, have had the same under consideration & they believe that relief should be granted to the petitioner and herewith present a bill for that purpose, to be entitled an act for the relief of James L Mayfield Sheriff and tax Collector of Issequena County, and recommend that the same do pass

On motion of Mr Rucks, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time, and passed title standing as stated.

Mr Wells, from the same Committee made the following Report

Mr Speaker!

The Committee on Propositions & Grievances to whom was referred a bill entitled "an act for the relief of the indigent families of Volunteers

County" - have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the following substitute for the bill, and recommend that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Miller, the Report was received and agreed to, and his further motion, the Substitute was adopted.

On motion of Mr Bell, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Upshaw, from the Military Committee, made the following Report,

Mr Speaker

The committee on Military affairs to whom was referred certain portions of Governors Message have considered the same & have instructed me to report a bill entitled an act to ratify the sale of horses made by the Governor, for other purposes" and recommend the passage thereof.

On motion of Upshaw

The Report was received and agreed to.

On his further motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read the ~~boon~~ second and third time, and passed - title standing as stated.

The following message was received from the Senate through their Secretary.

Mr Speaker. The Senate has passed

passed the following Entitled Bill.

An act to authorize the Judges of the High Court to assemble at such place as they may appoint to prepare the Suits pending in said Court for speedy decission.

And have passed House Bill Entitled "An act to amend articles 110 & 111 of Sect 14 chap 10 of the Revised Code relating to descent and distribution"

An act to amend Art 20 of Sect 2 of chap 4 of the Revised Code of the State of Mississippi

Mr Arnold, by leave, introduced a resolution of thanks to Gen Forrest and his command.

Mr Eskridge, moved that the resolution be referred to a Special Committee of three with instructions to report resolutions thanking all the who distinguished themselves in the recent Military operations in this State, which was adopted.

The Speaker appointed on said Committee, Messrs Eskridge, Arnold and Young.

Mr W R Johnson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker,

The Committee on Enrollment have examined bills of the following titles & finding the same correctly enrolled have

~~have~~ submitted them to the Governor for his approval and Signature.

An Act for the relief of Soldiers families of Shelby County.

An Act to authorize Thomas Murphy a minor, to receive and receipt for appropriation heretofore made to Mrs. C. M. Murphy now deceased.

An Act supplemental to an act to amend an act entitled an act better to provide for the families of Soldiers approved March 29 1864.

An Act to perfect the records of the Police Court of Lowndes County.

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to extend the time of assessing the Taxes in this State for the year 1863. and for other purposes.

Resolutions instructing our Senators requesting our Representatives in Congress.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed House bill entitled

"An act to authorize impressments by the commissioners in the Counties therein named" with sundry amendments thereto in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Also have passed House bill entitled. "An act to remedy the evils occasioned by the appointment of Sheriffs to office or loss by

fire on other voice of the public Records" & have amended the same, in which amendments the House is asked to concur.

On motion of Mr Parks, Messrs Mathews and Yandell were added to the Special Committee to prepare resolutions of thanks to our Generals conducting the recent Military operations in Miss.

Messrs Upshaw and Moore, asked and obtained leave of absence from to-day.

On motion of Mr Brown, the Special order was taken up, the resolutions expressive of the sentiments of Miss in relation to peace.

Pending which

On motion of Mr Liddell, the House adjourned until 3 O'clock P. M.

3 O'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The following message was received from the Governor through his Private Secretary Mr Farrar,

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 21 1864

Mr Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his Message in writing, with the accompanying documents,

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 2 1864

Gentelmen of the House of Representatives

I have the pleasure to present to you for your consideration, Resolutions passed by the Legislature of Louisiana" in relation to the further prosecution of the War" and transmitted to me by the Governor of that State.

They give us gratifying assurances of the unyielding Spirit of his people and of their "unfaltering determination to spare no expense of blood and treasure in defence of the Confederate States of America as a free and independent Republic".

Charles Clark
Governor

The consideration of the Resolutions offered by Mr Thompson pending at the hour of adjournment, was resumed.

Mr Anderson moved to amend by striking out the word 'peace" in the title, and substitute therefor the words "War between the United States and the Confederate States of America".

Which was accepted.

Mr Anderson offered the following as a substitute for the fourth Resolution

"Resolved, That while the people of Mississippi prefer peace to war, they are unwilling to accept it on any conditions

tion, except that of the recognition of the independance of the States constituting the Confederate States of America, and when the Government of the United States shall signify its willingness to make such recognition, and to withdraw its armies from the territory of the Confederate States, then and then only ought the Government of the latter to enter into negotiations with said Government of the United States.

The substitute was rejected.

Mr Bradford offered the following resolutions by way of substitute.

1° Resolved, The Senate Concurring, That Mississippi, has but one sentiment on the subject of the present armed collision between the United States & the Confederate States, and that sentiment is the accomplishment of the Independance of the Confederate States.

2° Resolved, That we would hail with delight the dawning of the day of peace, but peace between the belligerents on any other terms than Southern Independance could not be entertained & would be libelous to the character, determination & wishes of the people of the State.

3° Resolved, That we have an abiding confidence in the justice of our cause & the ultimate achievement of our liberties.

4° Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to the President of the Confederate States

the Governors of the several States & to the Mississippians in the field.

Mr Cunningham moved that the several resolutions, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs Thompson, Anderson and Bradford.

Messrs Bradford Anderson and Thompson asked to be excused from serving on said Committee

Which was granted

Mr Fowler moved, that the several resolutions, be laid upon the table,

Which was lost.

Mr Cunningham moved that the subject be referred to a Select Committee of five members

Which was adopted.

The Speaker appointed on said Committee, Messrs, Thompson, Bradford Anderson, Liddell and Pinson.

Mr Fox offered the following Joint Resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Legislature, are due, and are hereby tendered the officers and Soldiers of the Mississippi Regiments, in the several departments of the Confederate Army, for that noble and patriotic conduct, in vindication of the war

Resolved, That nothing has occurred since the commencement of the war, which has so thrilled our hearts with pleasure, as the news that has reached us, that our brave Soldiers, after having endured all

the hardships and privations of a war of three years, have again determined that they will fight to the last, and save our Liberties or perish in the attempt; and we hereby renew the pledge which has been made before, that so long as we have any means to prevent it, the families of our brave Soldiers, shall never suffer in their absence.

Resolved, That the Governor, be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Gens. Lee, Sevgstuel, Johnson and Pack, with a request that they cause them to be read to each Regiment of said Militia troops in their departments.

On Motion of Mr Fay the rules were suspended, and the Resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Mr Jaffrey Liddell and Tindall were added to the Committee to prepare resolutions of thanks to our Generals.

On Motion of Mr Minter the House proceeded to the consideration of Senate Messages to wit:

Senate amendment to House bill entitled an act to remedy the evils occasioned by and growing out of the destruction or loss by fire or otherwise of the public Records.

On motion of Mr Meeks, the Senate amendments concurred in.

Senate amendment to House bill

entitled an act for the relief of Mrs Dalhe Mott, widow of the late Brig Gen C. H. Mott.

On motion of Mr Minier the Senate amendment was concurred in.

Senate amendment to House bill entitled an act for the relief of tax payers in certain cases & for other purposes

On motion of Mr Minier the House concurred in the amendment of the Senate.

Senate amendment to House bill entitled an act to make certain persons liable to duty as overseers of roads,

Whereon motion of Mr Barton was concurred in,

On motion of Mr Thompson, the House insists on its second amendment to House bill, entitled an act to authorize the collection of taxes in the currency therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

Mr Thompson moved that the House insist on its first amendment to Senate bill entitled an act to transfer certain State troops to the Confederate Service,

Upon which the Yeas and Nays were called for by Messrs Eskridge Irion & Bradford, and decided in the affirmative. (Yeas and Nays on file)

Mason, Mr Speaker, Mufsey, Archer, Arnold, Boone, Buntin, Cunningham, Deason of Co. Pirah, Dillard, Gatlin, Fowler, Fox, Keith, Dixon, Jackson, Liddell, Lewis, Marable, McLemore, McLaurin, Pounds, Pinson, Sessions, Stephens, Thompson, Lindall, Upshaw, Yandell and Young 28.

Nays Mufsey, Anderson, Allen, Bradford, Bolton, Barton, Brown, Dorris, Deason of Jones, Daniel, Eskridge, Fort, Gully, Hale, Logan, Craig, Hooker, Hanson, Hendon, Irby, Johnson of Desoto, Johnson of Tippah Lott, Lowry, Minter, Morehead, McKay of Green, McKay of Neshoba, Powe, Rucks, Shelly, Stubbs of South, Taylor, Walls, and Weir 34.

On motion of Mr Irby, the House receded from its amendment.

The following message was received from the Senate,

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed Bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is desired

"An act for the relief of Samuel Chalson, and Robt M Bradford."

"An act to amend an act to authorize the Treasurer to receive from delinquent tax collectors of the several counties in this State the military Treasury bonds, notes, falling due in 1863 & 1864 in payment of the amounts due by them on account of the Military tax of 1861. & proceeding 1863"

"An act for the relief of citizens of

this State, where horses, mules and other property have been improperly impressed to mount State troops & for other purposes"

And have passed House bill entitled "An act to authorize County Treasurers & other County officers & other persons holding Confederate treasury notes in a fiduciary character to dispose of them under the recent legislation of Congress", with Sundry amendments thereto, in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Also House bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act for the examination of the offices of Auditor of Public Accounts & State Treasurer" approved Dec 6 1865" With amendments thereto, in which the House is asked to concur.

On motion, the House took up the Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the Judges of the High Court to assemble at such places as they may appoint, to prepare the Docket, pending in said Court for speedy decision.

On motion of Mr Anderson, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second time and third time and passed. Title standing as stated.

On motion offered the following Joint Resolution

Resolved (the Senate concurring) That the two Houses adjourn sine die on Tuesday, 21st Oct at 11 o'clock A.M.

On motion, moved that the rules be

suspended in order that the Resolution be read a second time.

Which was lost

Mr Tindall offered the following Joint Resolution.

Resolved (the Senate Concurring) That we unanimously recommend Gen S P Gholson to the President of the Confederate States for the appointment of Brigadier General in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, and request that he be assigned to the command of the Brigade authorized to be raised by the Governor of this State by this Legislature.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward this Resolution to his Excellency the President of the Confederate States.

On motion of Mr Tindall, the rule was suspended, the Resolutions read the second time and adopted

On motion of Mr Rucks, the House Concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill entitled an act to authorize impressments by the Commissioners in the Counties therein named.

On motion of Mr Upshaw the House adjourned until Monday morning 10 Oclock.

Monday April 4th 1814

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr Minter, the call of Counties was dispensed with.

Mr Morehead, by leave introduced a petition from James Smith of Copiah County.

Which was on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr Young, by leave introduced a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Hons Polk, Lee, Jarnet, Cox, Richardson, Ferguson, Chalmers, Sholars, and others, commanding troops in this State.

Mr Thompson, moved to lay the memorial upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays, were called for by Messrs Bradford, Jackson, and Gillespie, and decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follows

Yeas, Mr Speaker, Messrs Allen, Baton, Boon, Barton, Brown, Bunton, Daniel, Dellinger, Easterling, Eskridge, Fowler, Foxworth, Fort, Gidley, Hyde, Govan, Gray, Hanson, Haigler, Hendren, Dixon, Irby, Johnson of Desoto, Johnson of Lipscomb, Liddell, Lott, Lowry, Lewis, Minter, Meade, Morrell, McKay of Green, McKay of Neshoba, McLaurin, McNeil, Pope, Pounds, Poor, Pierce, Perkins, Shelby, Stephens, Taylor, and Thompson 45.

Sapp. Allen Anderson, Archer Arnold,
Bradford, Cunningham, Deason of Cooke,
Downs, Deason of Jones, Hooker, Jackson,
Morehead, McLemore, Rucks, Stubbs of
Smith, Tisdale, Wells, Wier, Grindell
and Young 20.

The following message was received
from the Senate.

Mr Speaker. --

"The Senate have adopted the following Joint Resolution in which the concurrence of the House is desired to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to sell, such portions of the machinery and tools, used for the manufactory of arms, as he may deem advisable.

Ad have have passed House Bill entitled.

"An act to prevent the distillation of Spirituous liquors, and to declare distilleries to be public and common nuisances; and to authorize the same to be abated and for other purposes, with an amendment thereto;" in which the House is asked to concur.

Mr Johnson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following Report,

Mr Speaker

The committee on enrollments, have examined bills of the following titles, and finding the same correctly enrolled, have submitted them to the Governor, for his approval and signature

"An act to amend article 20 of section 2 of chapter 6 of the Revised Code"

"An act to make certain persons, liable to do duty, as overseers of roads."

"An act to amend articles 110 & 111 of section 14 of chapter 64 of the Revised Code, relating to deeds and distributions."

"An act for the relief of tax payers in certain cases and for other purposes."

"An act for the relief of Mr Callie Mott, widow of the late Brig General J. H. Mott, and for other purposes."

"An act to authorize impressments by the commissioners in certain cases under the act entitled "an act to better provide for the families of Soldiers."

"An act to remedy the evils accasioned by, and growing out of the destruction or loss by fire, or otherwise of the public records."

Mr Rucker, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governors Message, as relates to the Suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus submitted a report.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the report of the committee was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Anderson, the rule was suspended, and the resolutions were read the second time.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolutions, it was decided in the

affirmative.

Mr Rucks, from the same committee made the following report.

Mr Speaker

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Confederate Importing Company" have added an amendment, to said bill, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, and recommend the passage of the Bill, as so amended.

On motion of Mr Rucks, the report was received, and on his motion further action thereon, was postponed until 3 O'clock P.M.

Majes Fontaud Daniel, asked and obtained leave of absence the remainder of the Session.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker,

The Senate, has passed the following bill, to wit.

"An act for the relief of D E Thomas"

Mr Houston, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act, to authorize the payment of certain fees, due E M Dupchard, for professional services, rendered the State.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Houston, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second time.

On motion, of Mr Dunlap the bill

was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr Shelby, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the issuance of Treasury notes on Cotton, approved December 9 1864

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Shelby the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time, and passed, title as aforesaid.

Mr Preston, from the Committee on Education, made the following report.

Mr Speaker.

The committee on Education to whom was referred, a bill entitled an act to regulate the distribution of money arising from fines, forfeitures &c, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the bill back to the House, and recommend that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Preston, the report was received and agreed to.

On his further motion, the rules was suspended, the bill read the second and third time, and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Preston, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled, an act to regulate proceedings in the Probate Courts.

Which was read the first time.

On his motion, the rule was suspended and the bill read the second time.

On motion of Mr Sevier, the bill was

referred, to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr Sessions, by leave, introduced a Joint Resolution, relative to having a regiment of troops stationed on the Yazoo river and its tributaries,

Which was read ~~three times~~ first and second times and ~~passed~~ adopted, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr Minter, the House proceeded to the consideration of Senate messages, viz:

"The House bill to prevent the distillation of spirituous liquors, with Senate amendment thereto, striking out all after the 8th section except the 20th and 22d sections, was taken up.

Mr Minter concurred in the Senate amendment.

Which was lost.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the House is desired, viz.

Resolved, by the Senate, (the House concurring) That a committee be appointed to consist of two on the part of the Senate to be appointed by the President thereof and ——— on the part of the House to be appointed by the Speaker of the House thereof, whose duty it shall be during the recess of the two Houses, to ascertain

into the subject matter of the memorial of James L Clements, which was presented to the Legislature during its present Session, and if in the opinion of the Committee it be just and expedient, shall order the restoration of the memorialist as a Student of the Institution of the Blind.

The President of the Senate has appointed Messrs Gaskin and Luckett as said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Also passed bill of the following title.

"An act for the relief of J I Yarbrough of Scott County".

The Senate adhere to their disagreement to the second amendment of the House to Senate bill, entitled "an act to authorize the collection of taxes in the Counties therein mentioned and for other purposes"; and ask for a committee of Conference thereon.

Messrs Moore, Sinnett, and Mayson, have been appointed on said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate has adopted the following entitled Joint Resolution, in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Resolution, in relation to the Inmates of the State Lunatic Asylum, and the Institution of the Blind, and the Deaf and Dumb.

Also. Resolved, by the Senate & the House concurring, That the two Houses adjourn, sine die, on Tuesday the 5th inst.

On motion of Mr Brown, the House took a recess, until 3 O'clock P.M.

3 O'clock P.M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Johnson of Desoto, by leave, introduced a bill to be intitled an act for the relief of Sailors in certain cases.

Which was read the first time,

On motion of Mr Johnson, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed, title Declaring as Stated.

Mr Berry, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State,

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Berry, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time.

Mr Gaudell, moved to add the word Treasurer, after the word Sheriffs.

Mr Morehead, moved to amend the amendment, by adding the word Assessors.

Which was lost.

The question was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr Gaudell and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Berry, the rule was suspended, and the bill, read the third time, and passed, title Declaring as

dated.

the table standing as stated.

A House Bill, Entitled an Act to amend Article 9th and 44th Section 1st and 3rd Chap 6, of the Revised Code - was read on motion of Mr Simonton the rule was suspended and the Bill was read the second time and Referred to the Finance Committee.

A House Joint Resolution Tendering thanks to L J Fleming & Maj Gen Whitfield &c, was read the second time under a suspension of the rule and on motion was laid on the Table

A House Bill Entitled An Act to supply the loss of Cash Captured and destroyed by the public enemy, was read, and on motion of Mr Hamilton the rule was suspended and the Bill was read the second time and referred to the Finance Committee.

A House Bill Entitled An Act to amend An act - better to provide for Paldins families approved 2nd Dec 1863 was read; and on motion of Mr Hamilton the rule was suspended and the Bill was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On Motion of Mr Yerger the Senate adjourned until 3 O'Clock P.M.

3 O'Clock P.M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Oliver offered the following Bill to wit, An Act to repeal so much of the law as requires Cotton notes paid into the Treasury to be registered before the same are destroyed. which was read the second

time under a suspension of the rules and passed the 6th standing as stated.

Mr Hamilton from a Select Committee made the following Report which was received and agreed to.

Mr President

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill Entitled An act for the relief of Lieutenant Allen McDaniel have considered the same and have instructed me to report the same back with an additional section and change of title and recommend its passage

On Motion of Mr Hamilton the Bill referred to in said Report was taken

The following are the Amendments offered by the Committee which were adopted,

Amend by additional section

Sec 2 Be it further enacted, That the Quarter Master General as aforesaid, is hereby required upon the presentation of the claim of any officer or private by said officer or private or by his agent or by his or their duly authorized agent or attorney in fact or by the legal representatives of deceased Officers and private for services of such Officer or private in the militia of the State, serving under Confederate Authority, accompanied, by satisfactory proof that such services have been rendered, for the time specified and that the claimant has not been paid therefor to allow and pay the same to the party thereto entitled, and to hold the same as a debt against

the Government of the Confederate States of America to be adjusted as provided for in the 2nd Sec of this Act—

On motion the rule was suspended and the Bills was read the third time and passed as amended

Mr Hamilton offered the following Amendment to the Title, Strike out "misp" and insert for other purposes

Mr Mayson from the Judiciary Committee made the following report which was received and agreed to.

Mr Mayson

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred, a House Bill entitled An act to Amend An act better to provide for Soldiers families. Approved 2nd Dec 1863. have had the same under Consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass

On motion of Mr Mayson the Bill referred to in said Bill was taken up which was on motion read the third time under a Suspension of the rule and passed the title standing as stated

Mr Singer from the Judiciary Committee made the following Report which was received And agreed to.

Mr President. The Judiciary Committee have Considered the House Bill, entitled An act Supplemental to An act, entitled An act to extend the time of offering taxes in this State for the year 1863

& for other purposes and I am directed to report the same back to the Senate with a recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Yerger the Bill referred to in said report was taken up. & on his further motion the rule was suspended and the Bill was read the third time and passed the title standing as stated.

Mr Yerger from the Judiciary Committee made the following report which was received and agreed to.

Mr President—

The Judiciary Committee have considered the House House Bill entitled An Act for the relief of James L Mayfield Sheriff and Tax Collector of Issaquena County and have adopted an amendment to the second section, and directed me to report the same back and recommend that the said bill as amended do pass.

On motion of Mr Yerger the Bill referred to in said report was taken up

The following is the amendment offered by the Committee, which was adopted, viz;

Amend Section 2 by inserting after the word law in fourth line, the words "in consequence of the presence of the enemy or from other causes over which he had no control"

On motion the Bill was read the third time under a suspension of the rule and passed as amended, the title standing as stated.

Mr Lee Reed from the Judiciary Committee made the following Report

was instructed

to receive reports on the adoption
of the resolutions, as amended, the yeas
and nays, were called & resulted as follows
viz. Yeas Messrs Adams, Bayard, Bibb, Brown,
Cocke, Dana, Franklin, Gaillard, Goldsborough, Hayne,
Johnson, Kent, Knight, Lacock, Leake, Macon, Mills,
Noble, Otis, Parker, Pickering, Roane, Sanford,
Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Tyler, Ware, Wells,
Wilson of Penn. Wilson of S. C. Woodbridge & Wright
Nays Messrs Barbour, Bell, Chandler, Crittenden,
Dickerson, Eaton, Hendricks, Hill, Horsey, Johnson of Ky.
Lanman, Lloyd of Md. Macon, Marks, Mason, Morril,
Noble, Robbins, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Stokes,
Thomas, Van Dyke, Van Buren, Varnum, Wilcox & Williams
of Conn. 23.

So the amendments were concurred in
by the Senate.

Mr. Pierce

Mr Secretary Dallas
left the chair & the Senate
adjourned without day.

Mr Pierce

Mr Secretary Dallas
resumed the chair & the Senate
proceeded to business.

On motion by Mr Pierce
it was

Ordered that Mr Secretary Dallas
be requested to cause to be published
in the Intelligencer & Boston Patriot
the laws passed at the present session

An Act to repeal, so much of the law as requires Cotton notes paid into the Treasury, to be registered before the same are destroyed.

An have concurred in the following entitled Joint Resolutions of the House.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, in relation to recent act of the Congress of the Confederate States suspending the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus.

Resolution of thanks to our soldiers.

Resolution recommending Genl S. Gholson, for the appointment of Lt. Genl. in the Confederate Service.

Read have passed House bills entitled,

An Act to amend an act, better to provide for Soldiers families, approved 2 Dec 1863.

An Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, to allow Soldiers in act. of the State to vote.

An Act to amend an act to be entitled an act, to authorize the issuance of Treasury Note, in advance upon Cotton, with an amendment thereto,

An Act to ratify, the Deeds of Bonds & Made by the Governor and for other purposes, with Amendments to the same.

An Act to supply the loss of Cotton captured and destroyed by the enemy, with certain Amendments.

An Act for the relief of James L. Mayfield, Sheriff and ex officio Collector of Adams

Council, with an amendment thereto.

The House is asked to concur in said amendments, to said bills.

Mr Fairbrother offered the following Joint Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Lt General L Polk be invited to address this Legislature in Hall, at such time as may suit his convenience on the State of the Country.

On motion of Mr Dutton the House adjourned, until 10 o'clock A.M. tomorrow morning.

Read first & April 5th 1854

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Prudden moved a call of the House.

A call being had, on motion of Mr Dutton, the doors were closed, and the Sergeant-at-Arms sent for absentees.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Mr Howe, moved that the reading of the journal of yesterday be dispensed with.

Which was adopted.

Mr Prudden from the Judiciary committee to whom was referred, a bill entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the Probate Court, have had the same under consideration, and report back the same with the recommendation that the bill do not

to amend an act in relation to legal notices" approved January 15. 1872 and recommend that the same do pass.

On motion of Mr Preston.

The Report was received and agreed to.

On his further motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read the third time and passed, title standing as stated.

Mr Wells, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Smith late Assessor of Lo Paz County, asking an allowance of eighty dollars, expended in forwarding the Assessment Roll of Lo Paz County to the Auditor of Public Accounts, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to recommend that the same be not allowed.

On motion of Mr Wells, the report was received.

On Motion of Mr Minder, the report was agreed to.

On motion of Mr Minder, the rule was suspended, with a view to taking up the Senate Messages, &c.

Senate amendments to House Bill entitled, "An act to authorize County Recorders, and other County officers and others holding Con-

federate treasury notes in a fiduciary character to dispose of them under the recent legislation of Congress."

On motion of Mr Burton, the amendments of the Senate were concurred in.

Senate amendments to House bill entitled an act to amend "an act for the examination of the Officers of Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer approved Dec 1st 1863"

Mr Miller moved to concur in the Senate amendments.

Upon which Mr Deason of Lowndes moved the previous question.

When the amendments were concurred in.

The following Message was received from the Governor, through his Private Secretary Mr Farrar.

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 5 1864

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his message in writing.

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss, April 5 1864

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives.

~~Four hundred~~ thousand dollars of Confederate treasury notes were deposited by the State Treasurer at Columbus on the 31st Oct. to be funded in 4 per ct. bonds. The amounts now in the State Treasury

and the balance yet to be received on account of taxes due (probably now in the hands of tax collectors) is estimated by the Auditor and Treasurer at $1.200.000) One Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars, making the whole amount of Confederate funds ($1.100.000) One Million, Six hundred thousan dollars. As the law now stands, this will produce to the Treasury for use this year, but little more than ($800.000) Eight hundred thousand dollars; for of the one Million, two hundred thousand dollars, it is estimated that at least four hundred thousands will be in notes of the denomination of $100. not convertable; and as you have made no provision for the sale of the 4 p ct bonds, in which they must be funded — that amount, to wit: four hundred thousand, will be a dead fund in the Treasury. The remaining sums of eight hundred thousan in notes and four hundred thousand in 4 p ct bonds, cannot be safely estimated at a value of more than 66 2/3 p ct. Therefore the whole sum of one million six hundred thousand, arising from taxation, and which was relied on to bear the State through this year, has by the act of Congress, and your acts, been cancelled one half.

The debts and expenditures of the State remaining the same and are to be paid in full as if the Treasury had not been depleted one-half by the Auditor, Treasurer and Quarter-master General. That is

further issue of treasury notes to the amount of one Million ~~of~~ dollars is necessary to pay the appropriations and expenses of the year. A less amount may be sufficient, provided you authorize the sale of the 6 per cent bonds in which the remainder of the notes of the denomination of $100 are to be invested.

I recommend that you authorize the further issue of one Million dollars, by an act similar in its provisions to the act entitled, "An act to authorize the issuance of treasury notes in behalf of the State." approved January 29th 1862.

Although I signed the act passed at your present session, entitled, "An act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi, to fund the Confederate notes, now in the treasury, and for other purposes;" I still retain the opinion that it would have been advisable to fund those notes in 6 per cent bonds and to have issued treasury notes of the State, fundable in State bonds, as recommended in my message at the opening of your present session. I believe it would have been five hundred thousand dollars to the treasury.

Charles Clark
Governor

The House resumed the consideration of Senate Messages.

A Senate bill for the relief of James Coker of Laurence County.

Was ~~read the first time~~ Taken up

On motion of Mr Insley, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times, and passed — title standing as stated.

Senate bill to authorize Sheriffs and tax collectors of the several counties to administer oaths.

Was taken up, and ~~read the first time~~

On motion of Mr Liddell, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times, and passed — title standing as stated.

Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of destitute families of Soldiers.

Was taken up and ~~read the first time~~

On motion of Mr Sevier, the rule was suspended, the bill, read three several times and passed — title standing as stated.

Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the redemption of Treasury Notes of the State, by warrants in small sums drawn upon the Treasurer by the Auditors, and for other purposes,

Was taken up, and

On motion, of Mr Winter, the rule was suspended, the bill read three

several times and passed—title standing as stated.

Senate bill to be entitled an act supplemental to "an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to enable rail Road companies of this State, to pay the monies borrowed by them" approved Dec 3d 1853.

Was taken up

On motion of Mr Miller, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times, and passed—title standing as stated.

Senate joint resolution authorizing the Governor, to sell such portion of the machinery and tools used in the manufacture of arms, as he may deem advisable

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr Fort, concurred in.

Senate bill for the relief of Saml I Thalman, and Robt M Bradford.

Was taken up, and

On motion of Mr Young, the rule was suspended, the bill read Three Several times and passed—title standing as stated.

Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of citizens of this State whose horses, mules and other property have been improperly impressed to mount State troops, and for other purposes;

Was taken up, read a third time,

Mr Minter moved to lay the bill on the table, which was lost.

Mr Bradford moved to reject the bill, which motion was adopted.

Senate bill entitled an act to amend "an to authorize the State Treasurer to receive from delinquent tax collectors of the ~~State~~ several Counties in this State the Military treasury bonds or notes falling due in 1863 & 1864 in payment of the amounts due by them on account of the Military taxes of 1863" a[illegible]passed Dec 9 1863

Was taken up and

On motion of Mr ~~Lewis~~ Lowry, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times and passed - title standing as stated.

Senate resolution in relation to the Trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum, and the Institution of the Blind, and the Deaf and Dumb, was taken up.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the resolution was concurred in.

Senate resolution, appointing a Committee, to examine, during the recess of the two Houses, into the subject matter of the memorial of Jas L Clements.

Was taken up.

On motion of Mr Eskridge, the blank in said resolution was filled with the number three.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the resolution was concurred in.

The Speaker appointed as the Com-

mittee on the part of the House Messrs Anderson, Lott, and Morehead.

On motion, the request of the Senate was concurred in, asking a committee of conference on Senate bill, entitled an act to authorize the collection of taxes in the currency therein mentioned and for other purposes.

The Speaker appointed, on the Committee on the part of the House Messrs Ricks, Cunningham, Minter, Ford and Jackson.

Senate bill for the relief of J S Yarbrough of Scott County.

Was taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Mr Minter, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time

On motion of Mr Henderson, the rule was further suspended, the bill read the third time and passed title standing as stated.

Senate bill for the relief of D E Thomas.

Was taken up and read the first time.

Mr McNeil moved to lay the bill on the table; which was lost.

On motion, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed title standing as stated.

The Senate amendment to House bill entitled "An act to simplify the laws of practice, pleading and proceedings in

ouncur."

Was taken up; and on motion of Mr Heiskell, the amendment was concurred in.

The Senate amendment to House bill entitled "an act to ratify the sale of horses by the Governor and for other purposes".

Was taken up, and on motion of Mr Minter, concurred in.

The Senate amendment to House bill entitled, "an act to repeal so much of the law as requires Cotton notes paid into the Treasury, to be registered before the same are destroyed."

Was taken up, and on motion of Mr Shelby, concurred in

The Senate amendment to House bill entitled "an act for the relief of James L Mayfield, Sheriff and late Collector of Issequena County."

Was taken up, and on motion of Mr Rucker, concurred in.

The Senate bill to repeal so much of the law as requires Cotton notes paid into the Treasury, to be registerd before the same are destroyed.

Was taken up, and read the first time.

On motion of Mr Young, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed — title standing as stated.

The Senate bill entitled an act supplemental to an "an act entitled an

Act to amend an act entitled an act to extend the time of assessing the taxes in this State for the year 1863" and for other purposes"

Was taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed, title standing as stated.

On motion of Mr Bradford a committee of three was appointed to wait upon Lt Gen Polk, and Brig Gen Featherston, (now in the Senate Chamber) and invite them to seats within the bar of the House.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs Bradford, Cunningham, and Herndon.

~~Mr Sparrow bill for the relief of~~ The Senate bill to be entitled "an act for the relief of Lt Allen McDuffie C. of Marion County, Fla, and for other purposes."

Was taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed - title standing as stated.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker

The Senate have passed House Bill entitled "An act to [illegible]

"An Act for the relief of Sailors in certain cases."

An Act to amend Articles 9 and 44 Sections 1st & 3d Chapter 11 of the Revised Code", with certain amendments - in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

The Senate have receded from their Amendment to House bill entitled, "An act to prevent the distillation of Spirituous liquors, and to declare distilleries to be public and common nuisances and to authorise the same to be abated and for other purposes."

The Senate have passed House bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Quarter Master General of the State to settle the account of the late Capt. Alfred Hudson and A. M. Rayburn" - with an amendment to the same and have adopted the following Joint Resolution.

Resolution of thanks.

Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi; That the thanks of the Legislature, is hereby tendered to the citizens of Macon and vicinity for the kindness they have shown, in throwing open their houses for the reception, comfort and convenience of the members during their sojourn among them.

And have passed House Bill entitled. "An Act to regulate the distribution of money arising from fines, forfeitures &c" with amendments thereto.

In which the House is asked to

Concur.

The House took up the Senate amend-ments to House bill entitled an act to amend Articles 9 & 44, Section 1st and 8th Chapter 6 of the Revised Code.

On motion of Mr Lewen, the amend-ment was concurred in.

The Senate resolution of thanks to the people of Macon, was taken up; And on motion of Mr Young, the rule was suspended, the resolution read the second time and adopted.

The House took up the Senate resolution in regard to adjournment.

Mr Bailey moved to lay the resolution upon the table.

Which was lost.

Mr Gibson moved to amend the reso-lution by fixing the hour of adjournment at 10 O'Clock to-night.

Mr Eldridge, moved to insert Wed-nesday, at 11 O'clock A. M.

Which was lost.

The question being taken on Mr Young's motion it was adopted.

The Senate amendment to House Bill, to authorize the Quarter Master General of the State to settle the accounts of the late Capt Alfred Hudson and A M Rayburn;

Was taken up; and on motion of Mr Bailey the Amendment was con-curred in.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced

Lt Genl L Polk, and Brig Gen, Featherston, who entered and took the seats assigned them.

Mr Johnson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker,

The Committee on Enrollments have examined bills of the following titles, and finding the same correctly enrolled, have submitted them to the Governor for his approval and signature.

An Act for the relief of Sailors in certain cases.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the recent act of Congress of the Confederate States, suspending the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus.

An Act to amend an act better to provide for Soldier's families, approved 2d Dec 1863.

An Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, to allow Soldiers out of the State to vote

An Act to prevent the distillation of Spirituous Liquors and to declare distilleries to be public and common nuisances and to authorize the same to be abated. and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the Governor, through his Private Secretary Mr Farrar.

Executive Chamber
Union Point April 8th 1864

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor, to inform the House that he has this day signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions Entitled.

No 20 An Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi to allow Soldiers out of the State to vote.

" 21 An Act for the relief of Sailors in certain cases.

" 22 An Act to amend an act Entitled to provide for Soldiers families, approved 2nd Dec. 1863.

" 23 An Act to prevent the distillation of Spirituous liquors, and to declare distilleries to be public and common nuisances and for other purposes.

Resolutions recommending Gen Gholson to the President

Resolutions of thanks to the Mississippi Regiment etc

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the recent act of the Congress of the Confederate States, suspending the privileges of the writ of Habeas Corpus.

On motion of Mr Brown
The House took a recess until 3 O'clock P M

3 O'clock P M

House met pursuant to adjournment

The following Message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker

The Senate has passed Bill of the following Title "An act to amend an act approved January 29th 1862 entitled an act authorizing the issuance of Treasury Notes on behalf of the State"

And have concurred in House Joint Resolution inviting Lt Gen Polk to address the Legislature with an amendment thereto, in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

The House took up the Senate's amendment to the resolution inviting Gen Polk to address the Legislature, which amendment embraced Brig Gen Featherston.

On motion of Mr Fowler, the amendment was concurred in.

Mr Thompson made the following report.

The Committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the Message of the Governor relative to the sale of 6% Bonds and the further issue of State Treasury Notes, have had the same under consideration and the majority have instructed me to report that in their opinion the 6% Bonds of the Confederate States, which may come into the Treasury of this State, should be sold by the Governor in the same manner that the sale of the 4½% Bonds are provided for, by an act entitled "An act to provide for the funding of Treasury Notes" and that the Governor be-

authorized to issue one Million of Treasury Notes of this State — provided the same shall be found necessary.

Minority Report.

The undersigned members of the Committee of Ways & Means, to which committee, the Message of the Governor asking for power to dispose of 6% Bonds of the Confederate States, which may come into the Treasury of this State, be referred, & that the Governor be authorized to issue one Million of State Treasury Notes — Beg leave to submit this as a Minority report.

We are opposed to the sale of the 6% Bonds, as determined upon by the majority, but we differ as to the recommendation of allowing the Governor to issue one Million of State Treasury Notes for the following reasons.

1st The issue of Treasury Notes involves the absolute certainty of increased Taxation — which should not at this time be avoided unless it is in case of absolute necessity & under the circumstances which surrounded our people at the present time, it is extremely desirable to avoid.

2nd Because it defeats, so far as it goes, the design of Congress in the passage of the Currency Act, by adding to the already inflated currency.

3d - Because we do not believe the necessities of the case require it, or sound policy will justify it, for it will not relieve the distress &c.

following facts,
1st The means in the Treasury are sufficient for all appropriations & demands upon the Treasury, except the demands which may arise for expenses in supporting State troops.
2d The amount due this State from the Government of the Confederate States, is over two Million of dollars & your Committee are advised that the officers of the Confederate Government have already suggested to our authorities that they are ready to audit & allow said claims; it will readily be seen that the collection of one half of the amount due from the Confederate States, would furnish the Governor with all the means he desires, & thus supersede the necessity of issuing notes as a war party, thereby saving us from the possibility of taxation for their ultimate redemption & at the same time enabling us to cooperate with the General Government in its efforts to reduce the volume of currency.

The undersigned are fully impressed with the conviction, that the further issue of State Treasury Notes, will greatly decrease the market value of those heretofore issued & thus injure those patriotic citizens who have heretofore sustained them & tend greatly to depreciate the credit of Mississippi, at a period when above all others, we need not only all the resources, but all the credit, which can be marshalled for the defence

of our rights & liberties.
April 3764

Abm Murdock
S Thompson
D. B Yandell.

On motion of Mr Thompson the report was received.

The Senate Bill entitled
"An act to amend an act approved January 29/1812 entitled an act authorizing the issuance of Treasury notes on behalf of the State."
Was taken up, and read the first time.
On motion of Mr Thompson, the rule was suspended, and the bill read a second time.

Mr Thompson moved to lay the bill upon the table; upon which Motion the Yeas and Nays were called for by Messrs Bradford, Barton and Thompson, and decided in the affirmative by the following vote.

Yeas — Messrs Archer, Allen, Arnold, Brown, Barton, Brown, Burton, Deason of Copiah, Downs, Dillard, Easterling, Fowler, Foot, Gowan, Gray, Hiett, Herndon, Isom, Irby, Jones, Lewis, Prandle, Lipscomb, Jackson, Johnson of Lipscomb, Maxwell, Murdock, McLaurin, Pounds, Powe, Sessions, Stubbs of Smith, Stephens, Thompson, Wells, Wier, Yandell and Young 38.

Nays — Messrs. Anderson, Bradford, Bolton, Cumming — Hiram, Deason of Jones, Farnworth, Gully, Grace, Hooker, Johnson of Desoto, Kirk, Liddell, Lott, Minter, McLemore, Utley, Patterson, Mississippi Rail Road Co, Finances,

Rucks, Robinson, and Taylor-24.

Mr Thompson, by leave introduced a bill to be entitled "an act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell and dispose of certain bonds therein named".

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Thompson, the rule was suspended, the bill read three several times and passed-title standing as stated.

The following communication was read; and on motion of Mr Rucks, the appointments therein made were ratified by the House;

The undersigned under a Resolution of the Legislature, requiring them to appoint two Commissioners to examine the accounts of the Quartermaster and ordinance departments of this State, respectfully present to the Legislature for their ratification the names of W L Damazin of Macon and I G Morey of Canton Miss

April 6th 1864

James Drane Pres
Locke E Houston
Speaker of the House

Mr Rucks, made the following report.

Mr Speaker.

The committee of Conference to whom was referred the disagreement of the two Houses upon the amendment of the House to the Senate bill entitled "an act to authorize the collection of taxes in the [illegible] mentioned and for other

purposes". have agreed that the House do
recede from its amendment.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the report
was received and agreed to.

Mr Wells, from the Committee on
Propositions and Grievances, made the
following report.

Mr Speaker

The Committee on Propositions
& Grievances, to whom was referred an order
issued by command of our Lt Col Morehead
purporting to be a Lieutenant Col comman-
ding a Battalion, directing a certain Cap-
tain Watson to impress a sufficient num-
ber of wagons from the neighbourhood of
Pleasant Site, for the purpose of transporting
Corn from the Southern portion of Mississippi,
for the benefit of the suffering women of
North Alabama — and also a certain bill
of Isaac M Acker refering to said order;
have had the same under consideration and
have instructed me to report that in the
opinion of the Committee, the Legislation
upon the subject is amply sufficient to
correct the evil complained of Mr Acker
if rigidly and strictly enforced. They
therefore asked to be discharged from
the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr Wells, the report
was received and agreed to.

Mr Wells, offered the following
resolutions, which were unanimously
adopted.

Resolved — That the Secretary of State

House are due, and are hereby tendered to Mr Speaker, Houston, for the able, and impartial manner, that he has discharged the duties of his position during the present Session.

Resolved, That R C Miller, Clerk of this House is entitled to our hearty thanks for his efficient and faithful services during the present Session.

Resolved Also, That the thanks of this House are due the other officers of the House for a faithful discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered the Clergymen of Macon, for the services performed by them for this House, during its present Session.

On motion of Mr Winter, the House took a recess for ten minutes.

The recess having expired, Mr Johnson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report.

Mr Speaker

The committee on Enrollments have examined bills of the following titles and finding the same correctly enrolled, have submitted them to the Governor for his approval and signature.

An Act to authorize County Treasurers and other County officers, and other persons holding Confederate Treasury Notes in a fiduciary capacity, to dispose of them under the recent Legislation of Congress and for other purposes.

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act

for the examination of the offices of the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, approved Dec 1st 1863 and for other purposes.

An Act to ratify the sale of horses made by the Governor and for other purposes.

An Act for the relief of Sard Mayfield Sheriff and Tax Collector of Desoto County.

An Act to authorize the Quarter Master General of the State to settle the accounts of the late Capt Alfred Hudson and A M Rayburn.

An Act to regulate the distribution of money arising from fines forfeitures &c.

An Act to amend an act to be entitled an act to authorize the issuance of Treasury Notes in advances upon cotton approved Dec 19 1861.

An Act to supply the loss of Salt captured and destroyed by the enemy.

An Act to amend articles 9 and 44 Section 1st and 3d chapter 6 of the Revised Code.

Mr Murdock from the Committee on Claims, made the following report

Mr Speaker.

The Committee on Claims have instructed me to report the accompanying appropriation Bill, with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Desoto the House, resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the bill.

Mr Johnson in the Chair

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, reported the bill back with an amendment, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed - title standing as stated.

Mr Murdock, from the Committee on claims, made the following report.

Mr Speaker.

The Committee on claims to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act to authorize the payment of certain fees due E. W. Upshaw for professional services," have instructed me to report an amended bill, with a recommendation, that it do pass.

On motion of Mr Murdock, the report was received.

Mr Irby moved that the report be agreed to.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Young, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the above bill.

Mr Johnson of Leeds in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, reported the bill back without amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Which was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr Irby the rules were suspended. The bill read the third time and passed little standing as stated.

The following message was received from the Governor through his private Secretary Mr Farrar.

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 8th 1864

Mr Speaker.

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he has this day signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions Entitled.

No 24 An act to authorize County Treasurers and other County officers and other persons holding Confederate Treasury Notes in a fiduciary capacity to dispose of them under the recent Legislation of Congress & for other purposes.

25 - An act to amend an act entitled an act for the examination of the offices of the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer. Approved Dec 1863 and for other purposes.

26 - An act to amend articles 9 and 44 Section 1st and 8th Chapter 16 of the Revised Code.

27 An act to regulate the distribution of money arising from fines, forfeitures &c

28 An act to authorize the Quarter Master General of the State to settle the accounts of the late Captain Alfred Saunderson and A. D. C. Pinkston

29 An act for the relief of James L Mayfield Sheriff & tax Collector of Issaquena County.

30 An act to amend an act to be entitled an act to authorize the issuance of Treasury Notes on advances upon Cotton Approved Dec 19 1861.

31 An act to supply the loss of Debt captured by the enemy.

32 An act to ratify the sale of horses, made by the Governor and for other purposes.

The following communications were presented by Mr Broadfoot.

Meridian Miss Apl 5th 1864

To the Legislature of the State of Mississippi

Gentlemen.

I am just in receipt of a copy of the resolution passed this day by your honorable body, inviting me to address the Legislature of the State of Mississippi on the State of the army and Country, and in reply beg leave to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have thus tendered me, and the regret that any official duty, will prevent my compliance with your wishes.

I am Gentlemen

With great respect

Your Obt Servant

L Polk

Lieut Genl

Macon Miss April 8th 1864

Hon. L. E. Houston, Speaker House Repre
Sentatives

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt (through the
Clerk of your house) of the resolution
of the Legislature of Mississippi, in
writing me to address that body "on
the State of the Country," at such time
as may best meet my convenience. In
compliance with your request, I return through
you, to the members of the Senate &
House of Representatives my undersigned
thanks. I regret that it will not
suit my convenience to address the
Legislature before the close of the present
Session. I came to the Capital on private
business, and my stay will be short.
The hour for your adjournment has been
appointed and I should be retarding
the necessary legislation of the Country
by addressing you at this late hour of
your deliberations. I trust that it
may be in my power to meet
this Honorable body, on addresses on
at some future period, under circum-
stances more propitious.

I am sir with great respect
Your obt Servt
W. S. Featherston

Mr Gowan offered the following
resolution

Resolved by the Senate concurring
that the thanks of the Legislature &c

and they are hereby tendered to Gen A M West for his having made suitable arrangements for seating the house of the members of the Legislature during the present session

On motion of Mr Rucker, the House took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 o'clock P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The following message was received from the Senate

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed House Bill, Entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell and dispose of certain Bonds therein named, with the Senate amendments thereto. In which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Also

House Bill entitled "An act to authorize the payment of certain fees due E B Kilpatrick for professional services rendered the State.

On motion of Mr Rucker, the House took up the Senate Messages.

The Senate amendments to House bill to authorize the Governor of this State to sell and dispose of certain bonds therein named,

Were taken up.

On motion of Mr ~~Brandon~~ Brantley, the Senate amendments were concurred

On motion of Mr Irby the 4th amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr Irby the second amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr Minter, the House Concurred in the 3d Amendment.

Mr Minter, by leave, introduced a bill, to be entitled an act for the relief of St Allen McDaniel, of Marion County, and for other purposes, Approved April 5th 1814.

Which was read the first time.

The Speaker decided the bill out of order.

Mr Minter appealed from the decission of the Speaker, which motion was sustained by the House.

On motion of Mr Minter, the rule was suspended, the bill read the second and third time and passed - title standing as stated.

The following Message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate has passed House bill entitled, an act making certain appropriations therein named.

The Senate has passed a bill entitled "An act making an appropriation to repair the Capitol and Executive Mansion."

On motion of Mr Minter, the House took up Senate Messages.

Senate bill, entitled an act making

an appropriation to repair the Capitol and Executive Mansion.

Was taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Mr Gowan the bill was laid on the table.

Mr Johnson from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following Report.

Mr Speaker.

The committee on Enrolled Bills have examined Bills of the following titles and finding the same correctly enrolled, have submitted them to the Governor for his approval and signature, to wit.

An Act authorize the payment of certain fees due E W Upshaw, for professional services rendered the State.

An act making certain appropriations therein named.

An act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell and dispose of certain bonds therein named, and for other purposes.

An act supplemental to an act for the relief of St Allen McDaniels of Marion County. Approved April 6 1865.

Mr Gowan by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act amendatory to an act entitled "an act relative to the establishment of a temporary penitentiary".

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr Gowan, the rule was suspended, and the bill read a

Second time

Mr Dalton, moved to lay the bill on the table, which was adopted.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have passed House Bill, entitled "an act supplemental to an act intitled an act for the relief of Lieut Allen McDaniel approved April 6th 1854" with certain amendments thereto, in which the Concurrence of the House is desired.

On motion of Mr Winters, the House concurred in the Senate Amendments.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate has adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the House is desired

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, and on the part of the House, be appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the Legislature is now ready to adjourn, and to learn of him, if he has any further communication to make to either House.

Rogers, Jordan, Tom, and Dunn have been appointed Committee on the part

of the Senate."

On motion of Mr Young, the rules were suspended, the resolution read ~~three~~ several times, and adopted.

On his further motion, the blank in the resolution was filled with the word "five."

The Speaker appointed as the Committee on the part of the House Messrs Young, Baton, McNeil, McLemore, and Robinson.

The following message was received from the Governor, through his Private Secretary Mr Farmar.

Executive Chamber

Macon Miss April 5 1864

Mr Speaker

I am instructed by His Excellency, the Governor to inform the House that he has this day signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions Entitled

No 33 An act to authorize the payment of certain fees due E W Upshaw for professional services rendered the State.

34 An act to authorize the Governor of this State, to sell and dispose of certain bonds therein named and for other purposes.

36 An act making certain appropriations therein named

36 An act supplemental to an act for the relief of Robert Allen McDaniel &

Marion County and for other purposes".

Mr Young from the Committee to wait upon the Governor reported that His Excellency had no further communication to make.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to inform the Senate that the House is now ready to adjourn sine die.

The following message was received from the Senate.

Mr Speaker.

The Senate have adopted the following Resolution, in which the concurrence of the House is desired.

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring) that the two Houses do now adjourn sine die.

On motion, the resolution was concurred in; when the Speaker in a few appropriate remarks declared the House adjourned sine die.